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Center Getting Plenty of Use; New Jobs Start

By Nell Smith

The time is rapidly approaching when the East Bay Interstake Center committee men will be able to say, "It is finished." All of the light standards in the parking area have been installed, a far-sighted landscaping plan has been started, and the Property Management committee is functioning smoothly.

Under the direction of Coordinator Curtis Bybee calendars for Interstake Center appointments have been made up which almost completes 1959. April, with only five major events scheduled, is the lightest month of the year.

"AFTER PROPER clearance, the facilities of the Interstake Center may be used by any L.D.S. organization that is sponsoring an event too large for its own building or facilities." So reads the opening paragraph of a brochure which has been compiled by the management committee. Elder Bybee added, "The building is here to be used and we want it used."

Carefully thought-out regulations govern the use of the Center so that all may get the maximum benefits from its facilities. These rules are flexible and the committee will make changes and additions if it is deemed necessary.

Pertinent points include: 1. One person from each Stake clears with the Interstake coordinator. They are Del Carter, Hayward; Verna Mayfield, Walnut Creek; Kirke M. Decker, Oakland-Berkeley.

2. All requests originating from the Stakes should be referred to them for clearance with the coordinator.

3. Requests for the use of the building may be made by the calendar directors by mail or phone but confirmation will be in writing and in case of error will be the only official clearance.

4. Each month a calendar is compiled with a two month schedule and sent to each calendar director so he may keep up with events throughout the three stakes.

5. Quarterly conference dates receive priority and schedules for 1959 already have been furnished.

6. Cancellations should also be made through the Stake calendar director.

Scheduling of usage is on "first come, first served" basis with stake presidents maintaining the privilege of final decisions. The brochure cites comprehensive rules on the use of the gym, general care of the property and use of utilities. Copies of the pamphlet have been furnished to all persons who will have need of them and extra copies may be secured through Elder Bybee.

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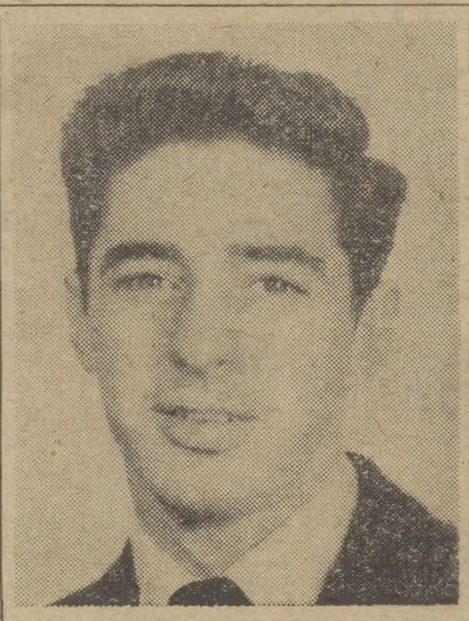
BLANCHE BROKAW of Castro Valley, who won first place in the Liahona Oratorical Contest. It was presented at the Liahona Club banquet and ladies night March 23 at the ward recreation hall on Temple Hill, Oakand. Born in Prescott, Arizona, Miss Brokaw moved with her family to California. She was graduated from Escalon High School, in Hayward, attended Brigham Young University two years, taking courses in drama and public speaking, and now serves Castro Valley Ward as drama director. The theme of her address was "Mormon Contributions to California History."



Palo Alto Second

Richard White In Gulf Mission

By June M. Darby

Elder Richard Paul White, of the Palo Alto Second Ward, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. White, has accepted a call to serve as a missionary in the Gulf States Mission with headquarters in Houston, Texas.

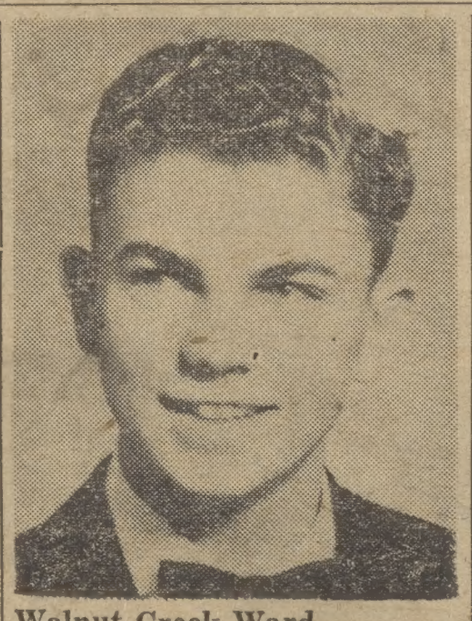
A farewell testimonial was held in his honor at the Palo Alto Chapel Sunday, March 15. The program included: organ prelude and postlude by Lorna Holdaway; invocation, Brion Norton; Vocal solo, Claire Poelman; Remarks by Brother and Sister White; Speaker, Kent Lloyd; Piano solo, Carol Salbacka; Remarks, Bishop Curtis Harrison; Response, Elder Richard White, and Benediction by Gordon White.

Dick entered the Mission Home in Salt Lake City on March 23 and left from there to go to Houston.

Elder White was born in Salt Lake City and came to this area in 1952 with his parents. He has three brothers, Gordon, George, and Harold, and one sister, Kay. Dick was graduated from Menlo Atherton High School and then served in the Navy in the Far East aboard the aircraft carrier Lexington as a weather observer.

Stakes To Hear Priesthood Talks

A special closed circuit broadcast of the Priesthood meeting for General Conference is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 4. Stake gatherings are as follows: Walnut Creek stake in the Walnut Creek Chapel; Oakland-Berkeley stake in the Oakland chapel; Hayward stake in the Hayward Chapel.



Walnut Creek Ward

Russell Muir To Finnish Mission

A farewell testimonial was held in Walnut Creek Ward for Elder Joseph Russell Muir Sunday, March 8 prior to his departure on a two and one half year mission to Finland. George Strebel of the Berkeley Stake speaker of the evening and a life-long friend of the family, gave an inspiring talk concerning the new missionary and his family background.

Russell is the son of Joseph and Virginia B. Muir of 10 Castle Crest Road, Walnut Creek. Other members of the family and Mrs. Sybil Pabst of Rigby, Idaho, Bruce, 15, and Virginia, 12.

Elder Muir was born in Heber City, Utah, Nov. 24, 1938. He lived in Panguitch, Utah, Pullman, Washington, and Salinas, Calif., before moving to Walnut Creek in 1957.

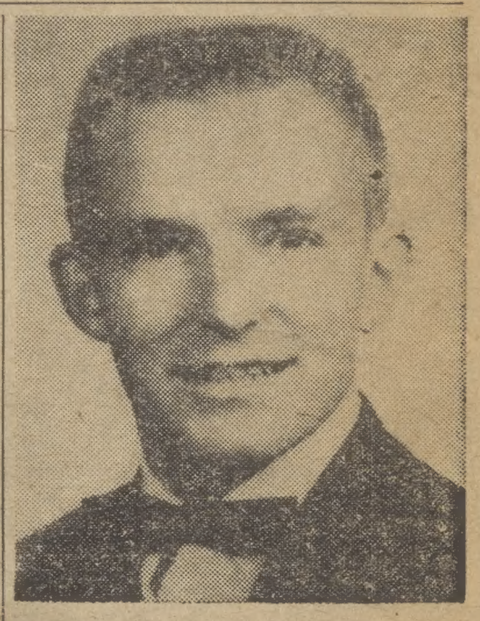
During his high school years he was class president, student body attorney and commissioner, student body president, and an A.F.S. Exchange Student to Austria. He was also active in priesthood quorums and Junior M-Men basketball. He graduated from Salinas Union High School in 1957, receiving the outstanding student award, outstanding contribution to student government and meritorious awards, and was a California Scholarship Federation Seal Bearer.

He has served six months in the Army and has completed one year of study at Brigham Young University.

At the farewell services, musical numbers included a vocal solo by Gordon Mauss, and piano selections by Chris Jefferies and Nico Snel. Bishop Mark Bickley told the new missionary that Walnut Creek Ward was proud to have him represent them in the mission field and assured him of full support. In his response Elder Muir bore a humble testimony of his firm faith in the gospel and his determination to do all he can to fulfill a worthy mission in the service of the Lord.

He arrived in the mission home on March 23 and flew to Finland March 30.

JOYCE FONOIMOANA, active and talented worker in the Alameda Ward, will leave for the Mission Home in Salt Lake City April 13 and will depart from San Francisco April 22 for the Samoan Mission. Reared in Laie, Oahu, Hawaii, Joyce arrived in Alameda in 1953 and since then has filled many important jobs in the ward. (See complete story, page 9).



WILLIAM CLAUDE BROWN of Castro Valley Ward, who has been called to labor in the Northern States Mission, will be honored at a testimonial Sunday, April 12 at 7 p.m. in the Hayward Chapel, 24000 Second St., Hayward.

Girls' Camping Dates Listed

Chairman A. D. Ericksen of the Liahona Campsite committee has sent out notices to the six Northern California stakes of the assigned dates for each stakes' week of camping at the Liahona Lodge and Campsite in the Stanislaus Forest.

The 15½-acre site on Clark's Fork of the Stanislaus River will receive girls from San Francisco Stake the week of July 6-13. This will open the camping season as far as the girl's camp is concerned. San Francisco Stake girls will be followed by the group from Palo Alto Stake for the week of July 13-20.

The other four stake MIA girls will use the camp as follows: San Mateo Stake, July 20-25; San Joaquin Stake July 28-Aug. 2; Walnut Creek Stake, Aug. 5-11. Oakland-Berkeley Stake will close the six weeks use of the camp for the girls, Aug. 11-Aug. 17.

President Ericksen also has sent out notices to the various stake presidencies and YWMIA stake presidencies of the assigned dates for each stake's week-end work schedule. On these dates it is understood that each stake will send up a contingent of about 15 workers for construction work still to be done under the general supervision of Sid Feller of the Campsite Committee.

Oakland-Berkeley and San Joaquin Stakes are assigned the week-end of May 30; San Mateo Stake the weekend of June 6; Walnut Creek, June 13; San Francisco, June 20; Palo Alto Stake, June 27. Then Oakland-Berkeley and San Joaquin with Sid Feller will see to closing of the camp for the season in preparation for the winter months. This about Oct. 10.

Tri-Stake Recreation Area Work Under Way

Work is now under way in developing the 550 acre Tri-Stake recreational area for the use of San Mateo, Palo Alto, and San Jose stakes.

Under the direction of General Manager Floyd Goates, work is progressing on three projects of immediate importance, a water system an access road, and a parking area. Most of the pipe necessary has been salvaged, reconditioned and is being installed to serve the area. This work is being directed by Blaine Huntsman.

San Jose stake is in charge of clearing three and a half acres for a parking lot. Under the direction of Bill Siddoway the heavy growth of brush and trees is being removed.

Lewis Osterloh is directing the road work, in the project undertaken by San Mateo stake. Bulldozers are widening and improving the roadway into the area.

AT A RECENT meeting of the Executive and Work Committees, at which H. Taylor Peery presided, a master plan for the development of the area was presented by Calvin Jones, project engineer. The plan included: A picnic ground, to accommodate crowds of 1,500. A girl's camp. A family camp. A ball park. A picnic area for families and small groups. A major amphitheatre, at a natural site that even has a small hill for a stage.

A site for a water tank to supply the entire area. A waste disposal site to accommodate all septic tanks.

In addition, an independent committee is being appointed to develop a swimming pool. "Independent," in this connection, means the committee will find ways, means, and funds to build the swimming pool on its own initiative.

WITHIN A MONTH, a minimum number of picnic tables and tempoary Chic Sales are to be built, and more will be added later. It was emphasized at the meeting that while people are welcome to the area, a certain discipline would have to be enforced regarding fire regulation (already there has been one small fire resulting from carelessness), conservation of the natural growth and garbage disposal.

Each ward of the three stakes now has a manager for the project. People desiring to use the area should clear through him.

In the progress to date on the work there seems to be just one problem without an answer. Apparently no one in the citified area embraced by the three stakes has a jeep available.

PROUD BISHOPS . . . . . Bishops Don Low Smith, San Lorenzo Second ward, left, and Bishop Douglas P. Larsen, San Lorenzo ward, pose with four outstanding boys of their wards. Bard Madsen, left, Richard Smith, Bill Ostler and Stephen Pring are all elected student body presidents of their respective schools.
—photo by Hayward Stake Information Service.

Hayward Stake

Four Stake Boys Student Leaders

Traveling in the right circles is common practice for four young boys of the Latter-day Saint church in San Lorenzo, Hayward Stake. Until recently they all attended the same Sunday School class and while participating in the Cub Scout program they were all active Cubs of Pack 625.

Today they have other things in common, particularly on the subject of "how to be a good student body president of an elementary school." All four boys have successfully led campaigns for student body president of their respective schools. They are William Ostler, Sunset school; Stephen Pring, Village school; Richard Smith, David Martin School; and Bard Madsen, Grant school.

They are respected by teachers and students alike for their leadership, fine moral character and their willingness to serve others. Church activity and the teachings of their parents are preparing these boys to "travel in the right circles" now and in the future. Parents of the boy are Brothers and Sisters Orval L. Ostler, John Pring, Leslie Dee Smith and Harold Lee Madsen.

Out-Of-This-World Celebration Signals Castro Valley Project

"ARE YOU IN ORBIT?" This greeting has replaced the conventional "How are you? with members of the Castro Valley ward. Blast-off is set for Saturday, April 11, at the ward building site on Seven Hills and Almond roads. Countdown is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., Saturday, with a ground breaking ceremony under the leadership of Space Commander-in-Chief Bishop Heber James Brown.

The turning of the first spade of earth will signal the launching of a three stage rocket in an all day celebration of the official beginning of the construction of the Castro Valley Chapel. Friends and neighbors are invited to witness this ritual.

FIRST STAGE of the rocket will will be in orbit by 6 p.m. Saturday night when dinner will be served in the Interstake Center located close to the planets, high on top of Temple Hill. An out-of-this-world four-course dinner has been planned by Leona Webb, universally known for her excellence in satisfying the appetites of earth men . . . and women!

Gaining momentum in the second stage of firing, new thrills will come from a galaxy of professional stars who will entertain in the theater hall of the Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. The rocket's third stage will burst into dancing under the stars to the strains of Gary Notingham's orchestra from 9 p.m. until midnight.

ARTISTS FROM the stage and television worlds will present a spectacular program to be emceed by Albert P. Heiner, popular master-of-ceremonies.

Included in guest appearances are, Modern Dancer Beverly Claire who has recently completed a Canadian tour and has appeared in the Orchid Room at Waikiki Beach; Jim Rinehart, a juggler who has been with the Ed Sullivan television show, performed for New York audiences in the Paramount theater there, and has toured the United States; Jim Holliday, outstanding baritone with the San Francisco Opera Ring production, will sing popular pieces from musical comedies; and Lorraine Millen, well-known in Northern California as an accomplished musician, will serve as accompanist for the artists. These are only the high-lights from the 90 minutes of entertainment which has been obtained through William Stoker, president of the San Mateo stake, who is a teacher of popular song styling.

Nellemae Tanner is supervising the arrangements for the "Outer Space Extravaganza." Her crew of assistants include Tom and Shirley Phillips; Leo and Roberta Parry and Hal and Nadine Swaner are managing the ticket sales; Deon Lee, Marge Whitehead and Mary Marsh are in charge of art decoration; Edna Wood and Mary Blazin are making satellite and rocket insignia. George Blazin is chairman of the building committee.

Friends in San Francisco, the Peninsula and in the entire Bay Area have been invited to join in the send-off to the Castro Valley ward building program. Tickets for the full rocket trip, including dining, dancing and entertainment, are $25 per person; second stage tickets, which include the "extravaganza," dancing to a live orchestra and light refreshment, may be bought for $10 per couple. Call LUcerne 2-3060 for dinner reservations; other tickets may be purchased at the Interstake Center, Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, on the evening of the event.

Seminaries' Speech Contest, Dance, To Be Held April 18

Speech-making and sociability will be combined in an event for 26 L.D.S. Seminaries from San Francisco, Hayward, Walnut Creek and Oakland-Berkeley stakes April 18 at the Interstake Center, Lincoln Ave. and Mountain View Drive.

All students are taking part in a speech program which will be concluded with the finals of the Seminary Speech Contest, as the first part of the April 18 event. Finalists from each stake, a boy and girl, will present their talks from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and after announcement of winners there will be dancing from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

In each seminary students are being given instructions on "how to speek." They are studying the New Testament this year and will build their talks around this study. The aim is to prepare seminary students for future roles as missionaries and Church leaders. Preliminaries are being held in each seminary; the stake finals will be followed by the grand finals.

First prize in the four-stake competition is a free trip to the Hill Cumorah Pagent and historic sites of Mormonism, such as New York, Gettysburg, Washington, D. C. The trip will last one month, July 20 to Aug. 15 and includes travel expenses from Salt Lake City and return.

Second prize is a trip down the Colorado River from Salt Lake City, and return.

Third prize is an airplane trip. Other prizes will be given, according to R. Lee Kenner, seminary co-ordinator, and Merlin J. Shaw, of the Institute of Religion at the University of California.

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Fourth Quorum Starts Project To Help All Wards Raise Money

A fund raising plan for all wards of several stakes is announced by the Berkeley Claremont Ward's Fourth Quorum of Elders, headed by Marvin Moss and First Counselor Jim Rosenlof. The quorum has started a Cinemascope program in which a ward selects a film from a wide variety of successful Cinemascope features and reserves a Friday or Saturday night showing date.

"Claremont's elders do the rest by providing a trained projection crew to come to the participating ward's recreation hall for a showing," said Elder Moss.

The aim of the project is for everyone to make money. All the know-how and sales assistance that the quorum can give is at each ward's disposal, the elders explain. Projection crews have been trained to cover the stakes from Hayward to Palo Alto; a sales and publicity committee will acquaint the area with a Cinemascope Fund Raising Plan.

When a sturdy support for the big screen was in the planning stage, it was decided that it must be portable enough to fit into a Volkswagon, if necessary.

The same attention to detail has been carried throughout the program to help each ward realize financial gains from the enterprise. The plan, briefly, is that all profits realized from the showing are shared, after deducting film rental costs. All money raised from concessions operating during intermission time remain in the ward. The Fourth Quorum will offer suggestions on operating the project and conducting concessions so as to make the evening financially successful and enjoyable.

Any questions regarding the program can be ansewered by calling THornwall 3-8361 or THornwall 5-7851, accordin to LaMont Bench, in charge of publicity and sales.

Movies Given Twice Monthly

Greenbrae Ward is using its new moving picture equipment and twice a month from now on will see the best of films at a low price. Titles will be listed on the Sunday announcement sheet.

The MIA, after completing a Special Interest lecture series on world religions, is starting a new series on special foods and menus used by famous chefs of the Bay Area.

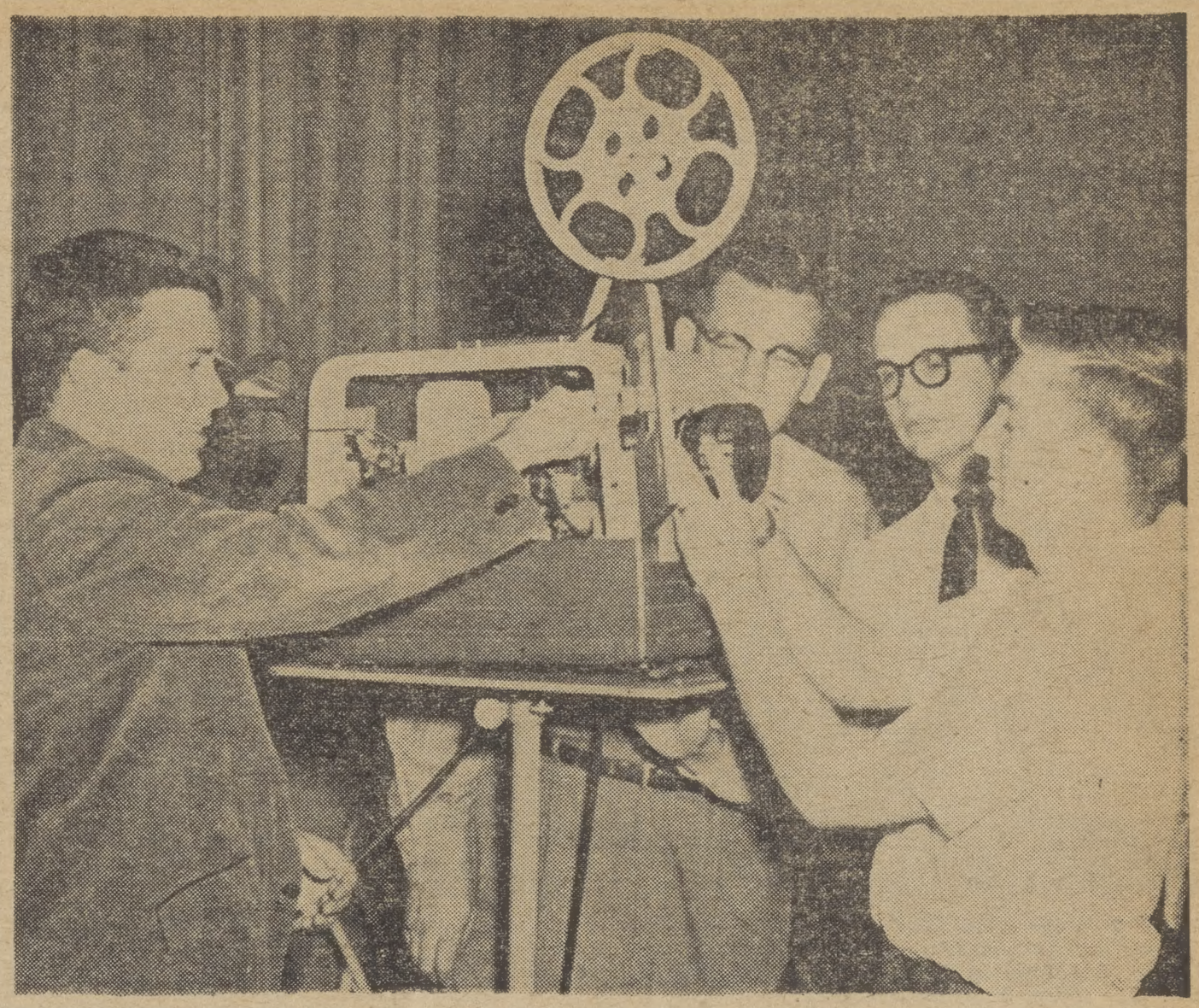
Deacons and teachers, plus Brothers Norton and Lindsey and Bishop Coombs, spent a weekend at Heavenly Valley, Lake Tahoe. Skiing and tobogganning were main sports.

Greenbrae and San Rafael seminaries joined for a Japanese dinner, spiced by authentic atmosphere and entertainment.

The adult fireside has become well established and the atmosphere of friendliness adds to the Book of Mormon studies. All adults are invited.

The ward welcomes the mother of Sister Norton, Mrs. Sutherland, of Ricks, Idaho.

Priesthood members enjoyed a Los Angeles Temple excursion in March.



PROJECTING A SOUND FINANCIAL FUTURE—Attending projection school at Claremont Ward under direction of Harold Eldredge, center rear, are, from left, Bob Lowe, Jon Rosenlof and Bob Burnham. The Fourth Quorum of Elders is offering to all wards a means of raising money through Cinemascope productions.

Landscaping Job Started

". . . and the earth moved." but in this instance it was top soil which was being moved and spread around on the planting areas of the Interstake Center. It was the beginning of an over-all plan started last month by the California Nursery, Niles, which has the planting contract.

Lawn, ice-plant, and ivy is being planted. Small trees and shrubs in keeping with the climatic conditions of the area, are being laid out. A neighbor has donated a number of trees to be placed on the Maiden Lane side of the grounds. The work will continue without interruption until completed, according to Elder Thys Winkel of the Property Management committee.

Highlight for April will be the arrival of 16 palm trees to be planted along the driveway on the Lincoln Ave. side. These trees, standing about 16 to 18 feet tall, have been procured from the same company in Southern California which supplied the stately palms that enhance the Los Angeles Temple.

All of the landscape gardening is being done with an eye to its compatibility with the later erection of the Temple.

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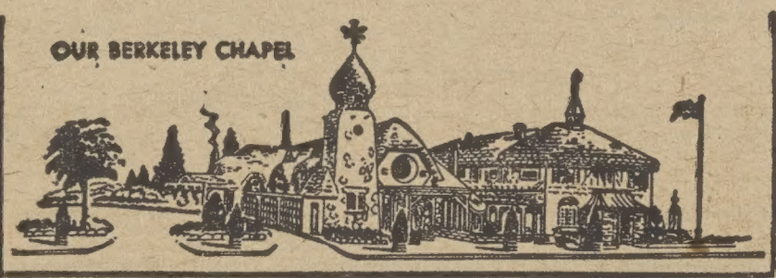
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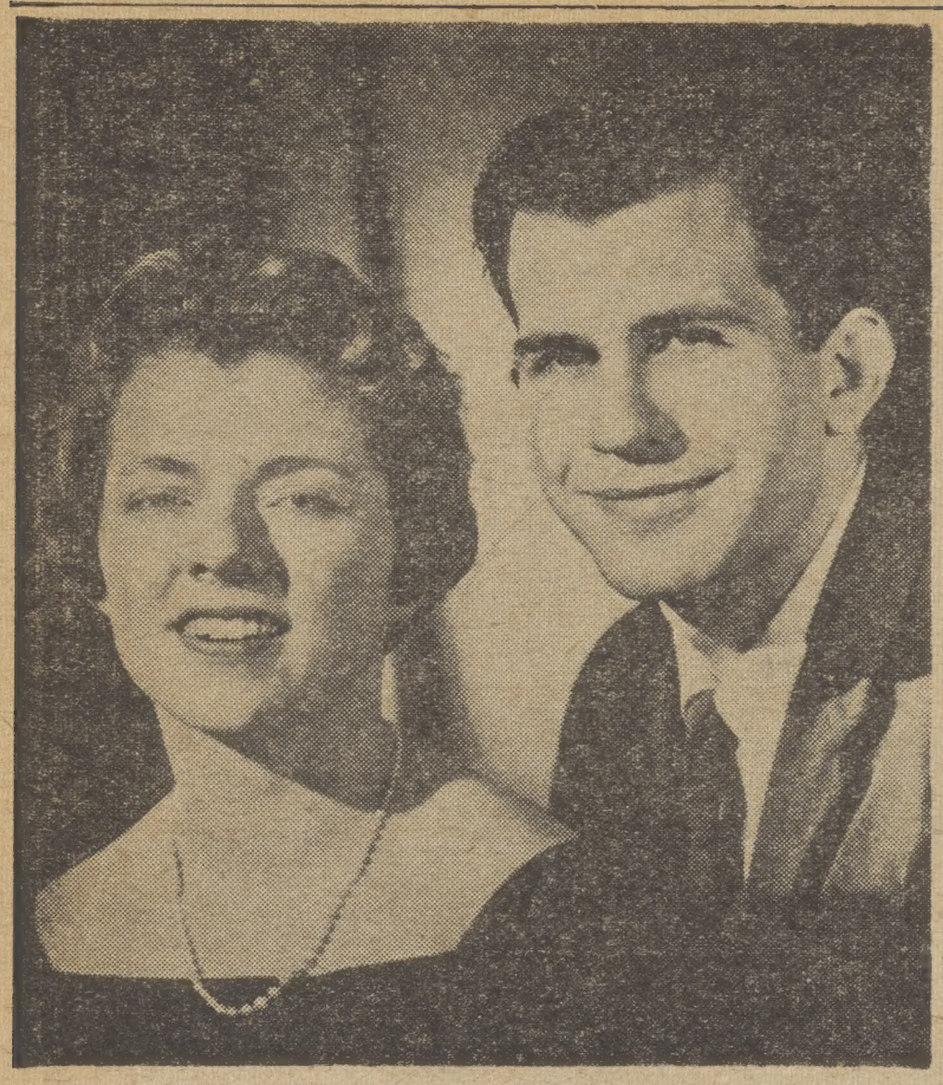

JUNE 9 is the date scheduled for the marriage of Dixie Pauline Lauper and Gilbert Alden Hutchings, Jr. Following their marriage in the Los Angeles Temple they will be honored at receptions in San Luis Obispo and San Francisco.

San Francisco Stake

Lauper-Hutchings Marriage To Be in L.A. Temple June 9

Friends attending a tea given by Mrs. Serge J. Lauper Saturday afternoon, March 28 were told the happy news that Dixie Pauline Lauper will wed Gilbert Alden Hutchings Jr. in June.

Paulie is the third daughter of President and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper of San Francisco Stake. She attended the Brigham Young University where she was a member of the Junior A. W. S. Council, and the University of Utah, where she was affiliated with the Chi Omega Sorority. She has three sisters: Mrs. Crawford Gates of Provo, Utah, Mrs. Richard L. Bushman, currently of London, England, and Miss Bonnie Lauper of San Francisco. She is the granddaughter of Margaret E. Gordon of Los Angeles.

Mr. Hutchings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Alden Hutchings Sr., of San Luis Obispo, where Mr. Huchings is Patriarch of the San Luis Obispo Stake. He has attended the Brigham Young University where he was a member of the Viking Social Unit and affiliated with the Phi Eta Sigma honorary fraternity.

For the past four years he has attended the University of California Dental School in San Francisco, where he is a member of the Delta Sigma Delta prefessional fraternity. He will be graduated in June of this year. He has one brother, Ronald P. Hutchings of McArthur, California, and a sister, Mrs. Mervin (De Lynn) Sorenson of Chowchilla, California.

Following their marriage in the Los Angeles Temple June 9, the newlyweds will be entertained at two affairs, an Open House given by Mr. and Mrs Hutchings Sr., in their San Luis Obispo home, and a wedding reception given by the parents of the bride in the San Francisco Stake House on June 13.

The young couple will honeymoon in California and Utah, and in the fall Mr. Hutchings will enter the Dental Corps of the U. S. Air Force.

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San Lorenzo Second

Tom Ferguson To Give Talk

By Virginia Ringwood

"A Night In Zarahemla," an illustrated lecture on the latest discoveries from the most recent archaeological expeditions in Central America, will be given by Tom Ferguson at San Lorenzo Ward on May 15.

All members of the Hayward Stake are invited to attend to hear Elder Ferguson. The event is sponsored by the music committee of the ward.

Those attending may buy autographed copies of Tom Ferguson's book "One Fold and One Shepherd."

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THE BISHOPRIC wishes to express thanks to the Young Men's and Young Women's MIA for their help in the activities of our ward. Thanks are extended to Sister Ireta Wheeler, president, and her counselors, Vernell Lecheminant and Betty Tillotson, leaders in the Young Women's MIA and to Superintendent Lynne Heminway and counselors Louis Young and Hal Jorgensen and also Bill Meine who was recently released as Young Men's superintendent. Their activities are many, recently including a three act play and decorations for the Rose Prom.

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The Cinemascope production entitled "The Robe" was recently presented by the Fifth Elders Quorum. . .A Ward Family Party was held at the chapel on March 28 with the Relief Society in charge. Each organization participated in the "amateur hour" program. . . .The Relief Society is making baby quilts and other bazaar items for the Bazaar planned for sometime in June. . .The Aaronic Priesthood boys under 21 won the Stake award for January and February.

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CONVERTS in the ward during February were Max and Greta Luther and children, Betty Jean, Mark, Margaret Ann and Dawn Margaret and Robert Leroy and Margaret Beatty and son Robert Duane.

Dawn Shirley Bickmore, daughter of Joseph and Orel Bickmore, was blessed on March 1.

Steven Taylor, son of Val and Renee Taylor was baptized on Feb. 28 and confirmed on March 1.

Ordinations included Eugene Nickolette as priest and John Miller as deacon.

Elaine Hulme is new first counselor in the Relief Society; Donna Carter is theology teacher; June Ellenburg is social science instructor; Helen Casper, work director and Florence Carlson, visiting teachers lessons.

Lynne Heminway is the new Sup erintendent of YMMIA; Louis Young is age group counselor; Hal Jorgensen is activity counselor; Betty Neal is new Primary secretary; Max Luther with seven years of active Scouting is now Scoutmaster; Evelyn Moulton is Gleaner leader in YWMIA and Linda Crane was appointed Junior Sunday School teacher.

April Program At The Center

Sunday 5, 6:30 p.m. Oakland-Berkeley Stake Fireside.

Saturday 11, 6 p.m. Castro Valley ward ground-breaking dinner and dance.

Saturday 18, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Four stake seminary event, recreation hall.

Friday 24, Oakland-Berkeley stake High Priests banquet. Recreational hall.

Saturday 25, 8:30 p.m. Three stake young people's dance. Recreational hall.

A BON VOYAGE GIFT is presented to Sister Georgia "Dewey" Williams of Pleasant Hill Ward by Bishop Von R. Nielsen before she sailed for Hawaii with Sister Irene Ranker of Lafayette.
—Photo by Dora Friedrich.

Mexico Trip Being Planned

In February, 1960, 30 LDS people will climb aboard an airplane at San Francisco for a three-week tour of what is believed to be the Book of Mormon country. More than a mere sight-seeing tour, the itinerary of this trip will include places of particular archeological interest for LDS travelers.

At Tlapacoya, near Mexico City, is a site that dates back to 250 BC, and may have been a Mulekite city. Also in this vicinity is Teotihuacan, dating from about the time of Christ to 300 AD, believed to have been a great Nephite center.

At Oaxaca, the group will visit the Mitla archeological site, where Howard Leigh of the Frizzell Museum deciphered the Zapotec calendar. Next the group will visit Chiapa de Corzo, where Egyptian-type cylinder seals were discovered. This may have been the site of the city of Zarahemla. A jungle boat ride up the Grijalva river will include sites being excavated by the New World Archeological Foundation.

In Guatemala, the itinerary includes the Kaminaljuyu ruin, a Sumerian-type pyramid of adobe brick reminscent of the Tower of Babel, a tour of the Guatemala highlands, Lake Atlitlan, Antigua, Chichicastenango on market day, and the Mayan city of Tikal now being restored.

In Yucatan, the group will visit Chichen Itza, where a classic Maya site is restored, and where there was found evidence of early-time horses; Uxmal, where intricate buildings of antiquity are found, Kabah and Merida.

Cost of the tour of 21 days will be around $700, according to Burnett Hendryx, who with Harry Embry is arranging the show. This will include all expense. Interested Mormons can contact Hendryx at 118 Bancroft road, Burlingame, and Embry at Continental Trailways, Fifth and Mission, San Francisco.

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Oakland Second Ward

Bishop Tells Tithing Value In Message

By Janeth Doxey

BISHOPS MESSAGE

"I know of no greater opportunity to receive blessings from our Heavenly Father than in the payment of tithing. During my many years as a member of the bishopric, and as a bishop, I have seen this demonstrated in the lives of faithful members.

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If it comes to your attention that anyone in our ward needs help, please contact the bishopric.

Old newsapers are still needed to boost the fund. Deliver them April 11 to Glen Ebel's home, 10473 June Court. Glen's phone number is LO 9-7882.

Congratulations to Carol Bryant and Greg Applegate on their recent engagement.

Albert Brett, the son of Betty Jo and Bill Atkins, was born Feb. 21 at 7:20 a.m. at the Merritt Hospital.

Joyce Parkinson has been released as Activity Counselor; Carol Bryant will take her place. Donna Wilkinson has been released as First year Beehive teacher; Ruby McBride will take her place.

Bishop Rounds is leaving April 4 to go to conference in Salt Lake City. . . .We are sorry to see Vern and Elva Jacobsen leave our ward. . . . .Joseph Fernelius was released March 5 from his mission. . . . He left March 4 from Stockholm and will be home soon. . . .Eugene Kaeck is in the Great Lakes Mission and reports much success in his work. . . .Roy Nicols and his wife have moved to Hayward.

BAPTISMS

We are happy to welcome into our ward those who have been baptized recently—Joan Barton, Brenda Cardon, Nancy Collard, Bruce Anderson, Spencer Parkenson, Mavis Ewing, Linda Morris, and Susan Zavilla.

Twenty-two people took part in an excursion to the Los Angeles Temple March 13. All members attended two sessions. Brother and Sister Joseph Plozola were married in the temple March 14.

The Relief Society Presidency would like to pay tribute to the visiting teachers of this organization. This wonderful group of women have done a great deal of missionary work. They have encouraged women to participate in the work of the Lord, and many women have become reactivated through this service.

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L. VICTOR RICHES

Los Altos Ward

Riches Appointed To Plans Board

L. Victor Riches a seventy in the Los Altos Ward and a Stanford Research Institute economist, has been named to the Los Altos Planning Commission, effective April I. He holds a master's degree from the University of Utah and was formerly director of the Bureau of Economics and Business Research at the university.

Recently he has filled an assignment from the Stanford Research Institute for a survey of opportunities for investment in the State of Victoria, Australia. That state contains the principal city, Melbourne, and many important industries. Riches' ability in the field of economics and community development came to the attention of Los Altos officials and business men last November when he addressed the Chamber of Commerce, making specific suggestions which received favorable reactions.

He, his wife Gwen, and their five children have been residents of Los Altos Ward for the last five years.

RELIEF SOCIETY LEADERS, past and present, of San Francisco Stake, were honored in a striking ceremony held as part of the society's birthday recognition. Shown here, left to right, front row, are Esther Davis Stevens, first president; Dr. J. Morrill George, High Council representative; Stake President Serge J. Lauper; Lillian Larsen Collett, current president; back row, Agnes Farnsworth Lindsay, second president; Delilah Moss Fullenbach, third president; and Gladys Robinson Winter, fourth president.

San Francisco Stake

Leaders Of The Relief Society Honored At Colorful Ceremony

In honor of the 117th birthday of the Relief Society, the San Francisco Stake Relief Society presidency presented an impressive program at the March Union meeting. A large "Door size" Book of Remembrance was opened and from its pages was read the story of the development of the Relief Society, showing also life sized silhouettes of the nine elect ladies who had served as president, from Emma Hale Smith in 1842, to Belle S. Spafford in 1959.

On the concluding pages was a large silhouette of Sister Rattenberry who was the first Relief Society president in the city of San Francisco. The Society was organized here in 1897.

As this page was turned the audience was surprised to see Esther Davis Stevens step out of the pages of the book to be greeted by President Serge J. Lauper and receive from him a lovely corsage. Following her, came the next four presidents: Agnes Lindsay, Lyle Fullenbaugh, Gladys Winter, and Lillian Collett.

President Lauper concuded the program by paying special tribute to all the women in the Church who dedicated themselves to the wonderful work of the Relief Society.

Following the meeting the guests were honored at a luncheon at the home of Marie Wheeler who is the Stake Work director. Other special guests were Jean Lauper, Dr. J. Morrill George, High Council representative for the Relief Society, Ann Barton and Mary Tolley directors of the Stake welfare sewing project, and all the members of the Relief Society Stake Board.

The San Francisco Stake Relief Society board includes: Lilian L. Collett, president; Therma L. Roberts, first counselor; Anne Burgess, second counselor; Cleo H. Smith, secretary-treasurer; Nada W. Fluckiger, chorister; Mabel George, organist; Gertrude Terry, magazine representative; Nerva Huff, visiting teacher; Bridget Berry, theology; Marie C. Wheeler, work director; Beulah Gwynn, literature.

San Francisco Stake

Butler-MacDonald Wedding In June

It was an appropriate moment. During the "Loves Sweet Song" program of the Sunset Ward genealogy class, Irene Butler announced the engagement of her daughter, Earlene, to Bob MacDonald, son of Mrs. Rose Easton, of Sharps Park.

Earlene is a student at Jefferson Union High School, and Bob returned from serving with the armed forces in Japan, is employed in Daly City. They plan a June wedding.

Irene Butler, daughter Earlene, and her sister, Mrs. Joanne Gravenmeier Dortch and family are members of Balboa Ward. Irene and Earlene formerly were members of Sunset Ward but became members of Balboa Ward when they moved to Daly City. Earlene first wore her diamond at the special Sunset Ward program, Feb. 15, at which they were visitors.

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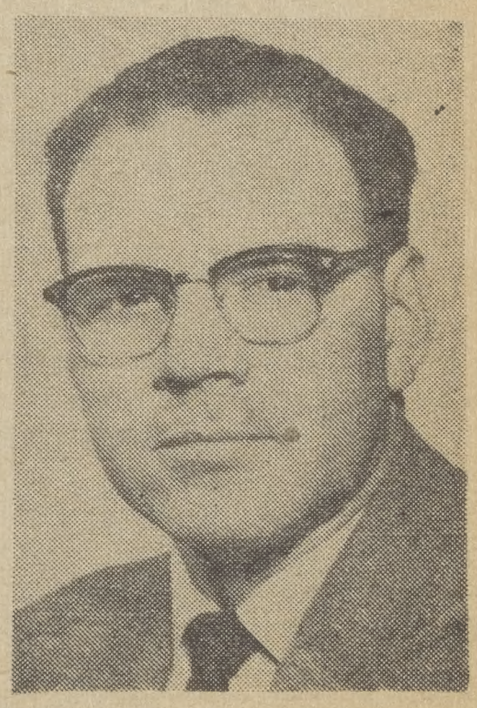

Hayward Stake

Golden Gleaner Award Won By Verna Jackson

Sister Verna M. Jackson was the tearful, though happily surprised recipient of an Honorary Golden Gleaner certificate and pin at the M.I.A. session of the Hayward Stake quarterly conference. In presenting the award, Sister Violet Fontano, stake age-group counselor and herself a Golden Gleaner, gave a brief history of Sister Jackson's qualifications for the honor.

Serving as YWMIA president of Hayward stake for more than six years, Sister Jackson has demonstrated her devotion to the young people of the stake through her constant labors in promoting youth activities.

VERNA JACKSON

SHE HAS CONDUCTED and planned many fashion shows in which she has been able to teach young ladies how to obtain charm and poise. She has been particularly interested in music and has lent her talents in organizing youth choruses and other musical productions.

As an all around church worker she has served in the Relief Society as theology teacher and Singing Mothers director. She has taught in Sunday School and helped with the creation of the Junior Sunday School in Oakland Second ward, and as a Bishop's wife she has been called upon to take part in practically all ward events.

Born in Toronto, Canada, Sister Jackson was converted to the Church some time before her marriage to Elder A. Gifford Jackson whom she met while he was on his mission. Elder Jackson is counselor in the Hayward Stake presidency and was formerly bishop of San Leandro ward. Parents of three sons, one of whom is married and father of two children, the Jacksons have lived in San Leandro ward for more than 15 years.

Although Sister Jackson devotes most of her time to her family and in working for the welfare of the Hayward Stake youth she also holds a full time position as a transcriber for the County of Alameda.

THE PRESENTATION followed a program on Book of Mormon scripture presented in pageant form under the direction of Sister Mary Jane Root. Participants were Mark Facer, Marvin Brown, Martin Blazin and Lynne McFadden with Herman A. Christensen and Forrest Johnson as narrators. Music was provided by a girl's chorus directed by Sister Jackson.

Elder Jack James, YMMIA superintendent who conducted the services presented Sister Jackson with a bouquet of red carnations on behalf of the Young Men's board.

A MOMENT TO REMEMBER . . . Elder Horace J. McFarlane, Hayward Stake Genealogical Committee chairman, presents Vicki Saari with her Book of Remembrance certificate while other class members, who also qualified, look on. Class Leader Norma Hartley, San Lorenzo ward, and Sister Pearl Sparks, stake research director, are at the extreme left. —photo by Al Scheuller.

Hayward Stake

Jr. Genealogy Class Is Active

A Junior Genealogy class, which was started at the urgent request of the young people of San Lorenzo ward, has had its second presentation of Book of Remembrance certificates. Thirteen persons qualified for the awards.

Class members range in age from 12 to 19 years and are led by Norma Hartley who reports that the class is still active in genealogical research and could be an example for other groups.

The certificates were presented at an inspirational testimony meeting at which Elaine Romer and Donna Carter provided special music. Michael Smith Anderson, a sailor stationed at Treasure Island who was transfered before the formal presentation, received his award from Stake genealogy leaders.

Receiving awards were Judith Steed, Victoria Saari, Douglas Larson, Jr., Robert Priddis, Wallace Cleaves Carrol Wicking, Sue Brown, Linda Pickett, Shannon Crane, Sharon Hutchinson, Kristine Thornton, Janice Noakes, and adults Brother and Sister Elmer Conklin and Sister Adrian Gee.

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Palo Alto Stake

Accent On Youth At Stake Meeting

By Katherine F. Larsen

The accent was on youth at the stirring Palo Alto Stake Quarterly conference, held in the Los Altos Ward Chapel Sunday, March 1. President David B. Haight set the theme of the day as "The youth of our stake—our leaders tomorrow!" and after his opening remarks turned the rostrum over to 10 young speakers from the area high schools and Stanford University.

Among the many fine thoughts presented, Doris Rasband Bacon asked, "What is important to young people?" and went to to answer her question by telling of the abundant life, as exemplified in living the gospel plan. She said that a narrow, tight understanding leads to a narrow, tight life, and that this is not in accordance with the Master's plan, which is that man may "have life, and have it more abundantly."

Lynn Bennion spoke on the theme that man must decide how things fit together, and how he fits into things, and that Mormonism explains this logically and convincingly. Howard Larson furthered this theme, saying that "inadequate information leads to apostasy of understanding." He pleaded for the resolution of educational conflicts by thoroughly studying the scriptures.

JILL JOHNSON testified that the church gives her "an iron rod to hold onto" amid all the "propaganda for pleasure in the world." Leitha Woodard lauded the seminary program of the church, and Lynn Baker told of the teen-ager's difficulty of choice among a multitude of opportunities.

Telling of a long and serious illness that brought home to her the power and prime importance of prayer was high school senior Charis Greenwood. Kent Lloyd spoke of "days of decision" and reminded that "many are called, but few are chosen." Brenda spoke of the gospel as a way of life, and Fred Rushforth told how his Church associations were of value as an influence on his thinking.

CLOSING REMARKS of the morning session were by young Bishop Gerald W. Sharp of the Los Altos ward, a physicist, who told of theories that come and go in science, and that we must be cautious of theories that are told as truth.

The afternoon session audience was told valued gospel truths. President Richard B. Sonne of the Stake presidency recapitulated the giving of the gospel through heavenly messengers to the Prophet Joseph Smith and his associates. Bishop Keith Garner of Menlo Park ward spoke on the first and second commandments, and said that to teach, preach, and by example to be valiant for Christ is to follow the celestial law.

Other speakers were brother Ralph Martin, who testified of the worth of the church in his life, brother Jess Marshall, who spoke of his years of work in the Salt Lake Temple, brother Jess Farr, whose theme was why Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden, and that we live each event of life but once, and can live only in the NOW.

Elder Michael David Elton, returned missionary from Menlo Park ward bore his testimony, and said that "obedience is the law of organization."

Both Sunday sessions heard beautiful numbers sung by the Stake Choir, under the inspired leadership of sister Ann Thomas, accompanied by sister Jean Conrad at the organ.

General priesthood meeting was held on Saturday night preceding the Sunday sessions in Palo Alto chapel.

San Carlos Ward

Roland I. Griffin Tells Of Mission

Roland I. Griffin, missionary of San Carlos Ward assigned to the French Mission recently has been transferred from Geneva Switzerland, where he served as president of the branch, to Brussels, Belgium, serving as district president.

The French Mission, Elder Griffin reports in a letter to his parents, Martha and Ivan Griffin of San Carlos Ward, consists of eight districts, one of which is the Brussels District in the French speaking part of Belgium and Northern France. Within this district are five branches—Brussels, Mons, Namar, Charlereux, and Lille, France, with 16 full time and two part time missionaries.

As part of his new responsibilities, Elder Griffin visits each of the branches at least once a month He told of the recent purchase of land by Brussels Branch on which they will soon build a chapel. Elder Griffin speaks highly of the members there. An inspiring experience to him was a recent trip to Paris where he met in conference with President Christren and with the presidents of the other branches. His address is 72 Rue Des Chartreux, Brussels, Belgium.

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WELL DONE! says Bishop Willard B. Barton, center, as he presents "Duty to God" awards to (left to Right) Paul Eldredge, Donald W. Patterson, Bradley Civiello, and Robert Mar McGregor at Special Scout Sunday services honoring the four youths. The award is the highest religious scouting award made by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Balboa Ward

Duty To God Awards Given

By E. Wayne Russon

The Church's highest award in scouting recently was presented to four young men in the Balboa Ward, San Francisco Stake. The "Duty to God" awards went to Bradley Civiello, Paul Eldredge, Robert Mar McGregor and Donald W. Patterson, all active Priests and members of Explorer Post 92.

The awards were made at a special Sunday evening service honoring the four young scouters. In making the presentation, Bishop Willard B. Barton called attention to requirements for the award. "It takes four years of active scouting and church participation to achieve this award," he said. In addition to advancement in the scouting ranks, the applicant must earn the standard priesthood awards, be a tithe payer, attend at least 75 per cent of Priesthood, Sacrament, Sunday School and MIA meetings.

Parents of the young men were called to the stand to assist in making the award presentations. Each of the four was called upon to speak and each expressed appreciation for the program of the Church and for the men and women who have encouraged them in their advancements.

Oscar C. Alverson, Scout Executive for the San Francisco Council, Boy Scouts of America, and guest speaker for the services honoring scouting, congratulated the young men for their outstanding achievements. He also noted that the LDS Church has one of the most effective and active youth programs he is acquainted with.

Los Altos Ward

Offcers Named For DUP Camp

New officers have been elected and installed for the Los Altos Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. They include Enid Starkweather, captain; Chloe Cardon, first vice captain; Hepsy Burch, second vice captain; Irene Nelson, secretary-treasurer; Mary Stoddard, lesson leader; Jessica Goates, chorister; Eva Bane, registrar, historian, and Laura Fulmer, chaplain.

The March 9 meeting, held at the Los Altos home of Hazel McLeod, included musical selections and stories of pioneers.

Eligible women interested in joining the camp are invited to contact any of the officers. Meetings are held monthly at the homes of members.

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Sharp Park Branch

89-Year-Old Sharp Park Woman Finally Discovers Right Church

By Agnes Jean Babcock

After a search of more than 80 years, Genoa V. Stewart is satisfied. "I've joined the right church at last," the 89-year-old convert says. During her long lifetime she tried three other faiths, but something was lacking in each. "Now," she says with a smile, "I think I'll stop."

On November 15, 1958, at the age of 88 years, she was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Elder Hyer, then a full time missionary laboring in the Sharp Park Branch, performed the ordinance of baptism. A little over a year ago Elders Hill and Southwell called on Sister Stewart for the first time and from that date the missionaries have met with her regularly.

Sister Stewart's father was a Methodist and her mother belonged to the Christian Church. When Genoa was but a girl she joined the Free Methodist Church. Years later after she had married, she and her daughter joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church. When the Mormon missionaries called on her a year ago, Mrs. Stewart was a member of the Nazarene Church. Sister Stewart said after she had learned about the Mormon religion she had the feeling that it was the best and right church so she made up her mind to be baptized. She declares that it is the last church she will join.

It is a coincidence that her son, Frank, of Boise, Idaho joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints before she did. She knew he joined a church but didn't know which one until just before she was baptized. Just recently her daughter, Nellie Green, also of Boise, was baptized into the Mormon Church.

A FAVORITE HOBBY of Sister Stewart's is making quilts for her children and friends. This is almost a lost art outside the Church.

Each Sunday morning Sister Stewart is escorted to Sunday School by Elder Waite or one of the other missionaries stationed at Sharp Park Branch. She greatly enjoys the meetings. Her health is good and she enjoys living and doing.

Genoa was born February 29, 1870, which gives her a birthday only every fours years. Her birthplace was Nebraska City, Nebraska. At that time her father was farming near there. Several years later he homesteaded and broke up new land for cultivation near the small town of Tacumseh, Nebraska. He built a stable first and the family lived in it for one winter until a frame house could be built. There was a family of eight children, three boys and five girls. Genoa's mother was anxious for all the girls to become school teachers. Genoa started to school a little before she had reached three years of age. There were few students, so age did not matter too much. Years later she did fulfill her mother's dream and become a school teacher.

THEN SHE MARRIED Andrew Stewart, a farmer, at her home in Tacumseh. Soon after they were married they moved to the State of Washington and continued to farm. They became the parents of five girls and two boys. Two of the girls passed away at the ages of 17 and 18 during the influenza epidemic. Sister Stewart has a daughter living near her Sharp Park, one in San Bernardino, California, and one son near Idaho City, Idaho, besides the son and daughter at Boise, Idaho.

Mrs. Stewart has been a widow for 24 years. She sold their place when he died and lived with her children for a number of years. For about three years she was lived alone a short distance from her daughter and family in Sharp Park.

CONVERT AT 88—Genoa V. Stewart of Sharp Park Branch was baptized shortly before her 89th birthday. She lives alone, does her own job in the branch yet, but declares she's willing to do whatever she's housework, and keeps busy making quilts. She hasn't been given asked.

San Carlos Ward

Elder Warner Returning Soon

Elder Terry Warner, associate editor of the Millenial Star for the past 2 years a missionary in England, expects to be released the last of April and plans to spend a short time in Europe before returning home.

From San Carlos Ward Elder Warner went to England and landed there in January 1957. His first six months were spent around Manchester until he was appointed associate editor of the Millenial Star for the balance of his mission.

Elder Warner had the privilege of associating with Church authorities during the dedication of the Temple and participated in conducting the public through the Temple prior to its dedication. He saw the awakening interest of the British people in the Church.

The mission headquarters moved to a beautiful new home near Buckingham Palace on Exhibition road and, as part of the staff, he enjoyed the privilege of living there. Elder Warner was chosen as one of those to prepare a new missionary teaching plan for the missionaries in the British Mission.

Elder Warner will enroll at Brigham Young University on his return.

San Francisco Stake Baptisms

The following were baptized into the San Fransico Stake during the month of February, 1959:

Mission Ward—Grace Ruth Guptill Neighbor, Kathleen Thompsen, John James, Whitelaw, Kenneth Manning.

Bay Ward—Willard Warren Patterson.

Sunset Ward—Evelyn Lucille Cox.

Balboa Second—John Clifford Manzaneres, Gene Langston.

Babloa Ward—Russell Pueblo, Robert Poulin Jr.

San Rafael—Derryl Sue Murray, John Leland Van Wagoner.

Novato Branch—Robert Lee Hodgdon, Dale Jack Lewis.

Polynesian Branch—Siliga Uiva Teo, Mona Haumani Naipo, Saaumerumu Tavita.

Hayward Second Ward

Ward Member Wins Contest

By Geraldine Montoya

Lora Woods, senior at San Lorenzo High School, is the first place winner of the annual speech contest sponsored by the Lions Club. Lora's next step will be to compete with other schools in the area.

Sister Woods is active in Sunday School, MIA, and all other Church organizations.

Preperations are being completed for the Gold and Green Ball to be held in the Centerville Ward Recreation Hall March 27.

Brother and Sister Dick Lowe and their six boys are leaving our Ward. Brother Lowe informed us that his managership with the Smith-Corona Corporation has been transferred; their destination has not been disclosed. Sister Lowe has been active with the ward choir, acting as director. Her musical talents—much appreciated—have contributed greatly to ward musical endeavors.

A cookie and punch farewell party was held for the Lowes at the home of Brother and Sister Alten B. Davis.

Funeral services for Brother Leonard Dottke were held at the Sorenson Funeral Home, Monday, March 2.

Moving from Hayward Second Ward to Oakland are brother and sister Glen Shaw and children. Active in Sunday School, and other church organizations, the Shaws will be missed.

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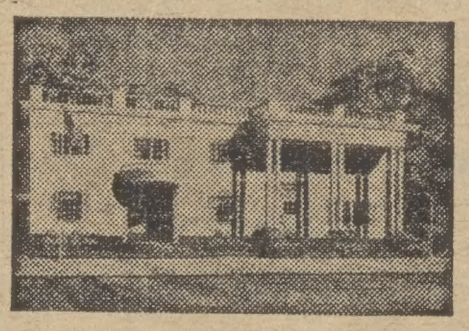
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DIANE LEE STEVENSON of San Gabriel, Calif. and Thomas Robert Stone, who will be married in the Los Angeles Temple June 25. They were honored at a reception at the home of President and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone, of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, March 21. The young couple flew from Brigham Young University, during the brief holiday period, for the party.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Bride-To-Be Of Thomas Stone Greeted At Piedmont Social

Diane Lee Stevenson, the bride-to-be of Thomas Robert Stone, son of President and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, was introduced to friends of the family at a reception Saturday, March 21.

Miss Stevenson, a resident of San Gabriel, and Tom, flew from Provo, Utah and their studies at Brigham Young University to greet callers at the Stone residence, 44 Bellevue Ave. It was holiday time at the B.Y.U., where both Tom and Diane are prominent in student activities.

Arrangements of tulips, roses and sprays of spring blossoms decorated the beautiful Stone residence for the party. Joining Mrs. Stone and the honoree in the greeting line were Mrs. Stanley Walker Stevenson of San Gabriel, mother of the bride-to-be and Kathleen Stevenson, her sister, from Los Angeles, Diane's aunt, Mrs. Don C. Jones and her cousin, Miss Linda Jones.

THE WEDDING is set for Thursday, June 25, in the Los Angeles Temple. Engagement of the couple was announced the day after Christmas at a party at which Diane's mother and father were hosts.

The Temple ceremonies will be performed by President Benjamin L. Bowring.

President and Mrs. Stone will be hosts at a wedding breakfast at the Los Angeles Country Club. A reception will be held the same afternoon at the Latter-day Saint Chapel at San Gabriel. The following Saturday, June 27, an afternoon reception will be given at the Stone residence in Piedmont.

THE YOUNG COUPLE will have their honeymoon trip to the Hawaiian Islands, after which Tom will pursue graduate studies in business administration either at Stanford University or Harvard. They plan to settle in San Francisco.

The lovely Miss Sevenson attended Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra and at B.Y.U. is majoring in the College of Family Living. She is affiliated with the Cami Los social unit, was the 1957 Homecoming Queen, member of the A Capella Choir, has been named Banyan Queen and "Miss Formal", and danced and performed in many major musical and dramatic productions at the Y.

Tom is president of the nearly 10,000-member BYU studentbody is also president of the Pacific Student Presidents' Association and member of several honorary national fraternities.

TOM WILL be graduated in June, this year, with honors. He fulfilled a 33-month mission for the Church in Tahiti.

Redwood City Ward

Square Dancing Party April 17

A square dance, scheduled for the evening of April 17, was the social feature looming ahead for Redwood City ward MIA activity.

The dance is not limited to squares. In fact everybody is welcome who can get around to it. The angle is that the Mutual girls are going to Camp Liahona again this summer, and it takes money. So a charge of $2 per couple is being made, and professional callers will be on tap to provide your money's worth.

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Alameda Ward

Joyce Fonoimoana Leaving For Samoan Mission In April

By Gaylene Vincent

Joyce Fonoimoana, daughter of Teila and Mataniu Fomoimoana of Alameda Ward, leaves for the mission home April 13 and will depart April 22, from San Francisco for the Samoan Mission.

Sister Fonoimoana was born and reared in Laie, Oahu, Hawaii; she came to Alameda in August of 1953 and has been one of the active young sisters of the ward from that date. Some of her numerous positions were Secretary of the YWMIA, sports-camp director for two years, junior Sunday School teacher for the past two and one-half years, and has typed the Sunday program.

The farewell testimony meeting was conducted on Easter Sunday, March 29. President Howard B. Stone was the main speaker. Music was generally in the theme of the Islands. After the meeting the Missionary visited with friends in the recreation hall.

A JOYOUS WELCOME is to extended to Carol Lynn Dakin who was baptized and confirmed the first of March after many months of activity and faithful attendance at meeting and seminary. She recently become engaged to Joel Osborne of Livermore who is in the Navy and presently attending our ward.

David Pinckney married Joy Aschmann of Berkeley second ward in the Los Angeles Temple March 20. They greeted friends and relatives at a wedding reception March 27, in the Berkeley ward. David is the District president for the Alameda ward Stake Missionaries and teaches school in Hayward. We are happy to welcome them in our ward.

The home of Charles and Iona Stamps was the setting for the wedding of Vern Smith and Idalee Coles March 4. Bishop Nicolaysen officiated with a small gathering of friends in attendance. Vern is from Cedar City, Uath, and presently in the Navy. Idalee is from Longview, Washington, and was baptized and confirmed into the Church Feb. 28.

We again must bid adieu to some fine families. Don Lyons and family recently returned to San Diego with the navy after many months of activity in our ward. Don worked with the Scouts Aaronic Priesthood, and as M-Men teacher. Shirley was a primary teacher.

We are indeed sad that Wayne and Elizabeth Lambourne and family will be leaving by April 10, for Southern California. Wayne is being transferred to the Los Angeles area as a senior electronics teacher for North American Aviation with residence in Downey. The Lambournes have been active in our ward for the past five years. Wayne served as second counselor in the bishopric two years and has worked in the MIA, Priesthood and served as ward teaching supervisor for two years. Elizabeth, busy with a growing family of five children, has been a ward Primary teacher and stake trekker leader.

Wendell and Marilyn Bennett returned to their home in Bountiful, Utah. They have lived here for a year while serving in the navy. Wendell was Aaronic Priesthood teacher advisor and a Sunday

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BISHOP LELAND J. FIFE of Berkeley First Ward, has been promoted to Pacific Coast manager of marketing for Air Reduction Pacific Co., a division of Air Reduction, Inc. Announcement of the appointment was made in Los Angeles by J. P. Etter, company president. Bishop Fife will have responsibility for all marketing and engineering services for the company, and his headquarters will be in the Air Reduction Pacific Co. executive offices in Mills Tower, San Francisco. He has been sales manager of the San Francisco district for the past 10 years and during the past year attended the graduate school of business for executive development at Stanford University. He has been a resident of Berkeley for 20 years, active in civic and Church affairs and bishop of Berkeley First Ward for about three years. He resides with his wife, Margaret, and four children at 95 Forest Lane, Berkeley.

San Carlos Ward

Word of Warning Given by Bishop Joel E. Leetham

By Elizabeth Wells

Bishop Joel E. Leetham delivered an outstanding sermon of admonishment to his people in San Carlos Ward one Sunday not long ago. To all members he and his counselors had sent a special request to be present and those that came nearly filled the chapel.

The bishop began his sermon by saying that the ward record was good—in attendance at Sacrament meetings, ward teaching, individual work in the organization, and the like.

But he felt that these things were giving everyone a feeling of being wrapped in their own purity—a false sense of well-being, and for this reason he wanted to bring out other statistics which were being overlooked, such as: Temple marriages among the young peoplle—out of 16 married, only four, were married in Temples; five of the others were married by Church authority and seven by civil authority making twelve who were married to non-members, or 75 per cent.

Comparing these figures to those of Protestant faiths, 35 per cent to 40 per cent marry in their own faiths.

Statistics given by Bishop Leetham on priesthood conduct: Of 69 members of the Melchizedek priesthood only 20 pay a full tithe; 35 live by the Word of Wisdom; 15 declare publicly they hold family prayer. Other figures show a few shaky marriages and, among the young people, a few instances of immorality.

TO THE ATTENTION of bishops come these sad things in the lives of the people, and to him they come for the answers to their dilemmas. The answers are not easy to give, and the bishop cannot, nor will he make people's decisions. Instead, resorting to prayer for guidance for his people, his answer came and he gave it to them that Sunday evening.

Prayer, and the power of prayer, he told the people, are within the reach of each of God's children. Through our belief in a personal God who concerns himself with our problems when we take them to him in prayer, we have access to the greatest help there is. It is up to each individual to get upon his knees and supplicate to his Heavenly Father—even as long as half an hour, or longer and in humility pour out to Him his or her needs, and help will come.

The Heavenly Father has asked us to come to him, and as we have been told, when we do as He says, He is bound. Bishop Leetham placed great emphasis on the fact that the Lord is bound—by his promise to help us when we seek his help,—he cannot fail us, because of his promise. Negatively, then, if we do not seek Him, He is not bound by any promise, and no help comes.

Bishop Leetham closed his sermon by thanking everyone present for coming, for by their prsenece in answer to his request, he knew they were each striving to conform—and they would further strive to come closer to their Heavenly Father in prayer.

It is not easy to admonish a congregation— a bishop's lot is not easy. But to a bishop with the courage and the skill to accomplish the hard tasks to the admiration of his people and the approval of his God.

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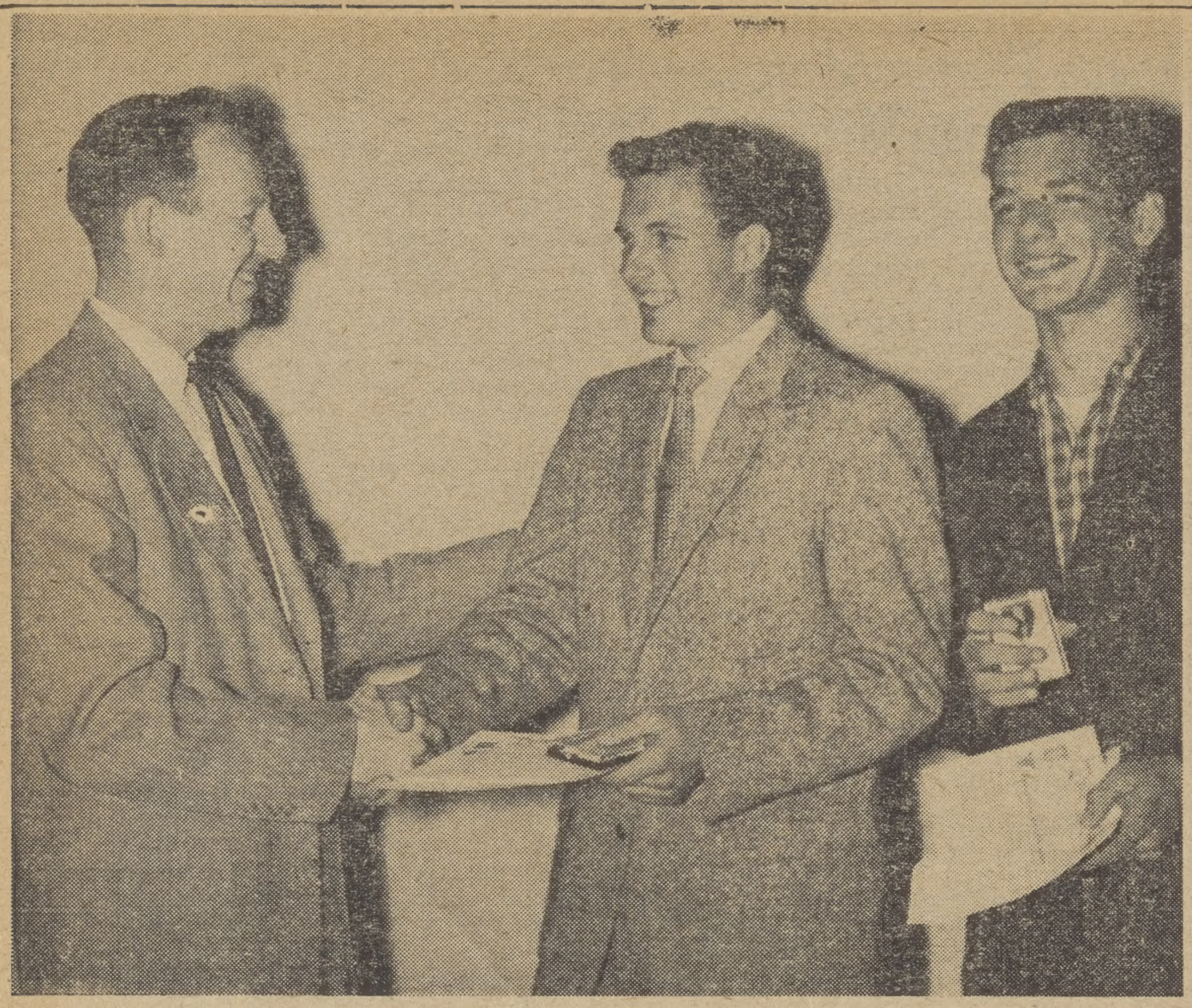

DR. MERIEN ROBBINS, institutional representative for Boy Scout Troop 304 and Post 304, congratulates Leland H. Wright, Jr., (center) and George Nackos on their receiving Duty to God Awards for their participation in scouting and in church activities.

Oakland Fourth

'Duty To God' Awards Won By 4 Young Men

Two duty to God awards were presented to Leland H. Wright, Jr., and George Nackos of Explorer Post 304 at the Sunday Services of the Oakland Fourth Ward, March 8. Presentations were made by Leland H. Wright Sr., bishop of the Oakland Fourth ward. Only one other award has been made in the Oakland Fourth ward, to Frank Nackos in 1956.

Young men to qualify for this award in the Church, must show that they participate actively in church duties by receiving an individual award for their participation in the Aaronic Priesthood program for four years. This means that they must lead good Christian lives including: 75 per cent attendance at Priesthood, Sunday School and Sacrament meetings; pay tithes: live the word of wisdom; participate in public addresses and in Church welfare programs. Besides these things, they must be active in Scouting and Exploring over the four-period, and must complete at least first class rank.

Leland is son the Leland H. Wright, Sr., Bishop of the Oakland Fourth ward; George is son of James C. Nackos, first counselor in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Mission Presidency. Leland, 17, of 3018 Monticello avenue, Oakland, is a junior at Fremont High School. George, 18, also of Fremont high, a senior, lives at 6209 Hilton street, Oakland.

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Claremont Ward

Bishop Names 2nd Counselor

By Elizabeth Moss

Claremont Ward's biggest recent change occured in the bishopric with Norris Wadsworth accepting the call to serve as second counselor after the release of Glen Farnworth, who will shortly be moving from the ward. We are all sorry to see the Farnworths leave, and will remember Glen for his faithful service. Our best wishes go with him and his wife, Carolyn.

Norris joins Bishop Joseph Wood and Ernest Ahlborn in directing our ward.

The Fourth Quorum of Elders has purchased a Cinemascope lens and screen with which they are making available the finest films possible for wards in need of fund raising projects. Members of San Lorenzo Ward who viewed "The Robe" on a 22 foot wide Cinemascope screen on March 14 were not only enthusiastic about the quality of the performance, but also about the profit for the ward.

THE FIRST Mia Maid rose bush in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake was planted and dedicated by Claremont Ward's Mia Maids on Feb. 10 under the direction of Myrtle Snorr, class leader. Arvin Springthorpe lent expert help in planting the bush in front of the chapel where it will fulfill its purpose of "bringing happiness to all who view it."

February and March brought the usual bumper crop of new babies to the ward. Proud parents of four lovely girls are the Sim Craguns, Glen Farnworths, Jon Rosenlofs, and Arvin Springthorpes.

An overnight trip to the snow was made February 20 by ten Claremont Ward Boy Scouts. They were accompanied by the John Wilkins, Jerry Weight, and Roy Boshard. The boys had a fine time tobogganning and enjoying winter fun.

March 17, birthday of the Relief Society, was celebrated by the sisters of Claremont Ward with a lovely program and luncheon. Appropriate readings were given by Duna Sandmire, Beverly Wotherspoon, and Betty Moss. Lily Blackburn sang two numbers and Ardath Christensen played several piano selections. Afterward a potluck luncheon was held and a large birthday cake was cut.

My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." Deuteronomy 18:18

The above quotation has rare significance for Mr. Lou Minkin, a young Jewish convert now residing in Balboa Ward, San Francisco. Here is his story:

"During World War II, I was closely associated with Dave Ockey, a young Mormon boy, for over two years and I particularly admired him for his clean living habits. We became the best of friends, and seemed to have something in common from the first. We didn't discuss religion at that time, but because of his exemplary life, I found myself vigorously defending his religion against the ridicule of other associates and feeling wonderful for doing so.

"It was while searching for Dave in an encampment near Manilla that I had a very unusual experience. There were literally thousands of unidentified tents in a rice field where I went to find him. I was riding in a truck along with other service men when suddenly I heard a voice distinctly repeating several times, '68th Signal Battalion' so forcibly that I left the truck and was directed to a tent where I found my own brother whom I hadn't even known was over seas. The joy of the occasion was beyond expression and the only possible explanation for the voice in my ear was that God had caused it in some marvelous manner. I determined then and there to know more about God.

"AFTER THE WAR I stayed three days in the home of my friend Dave in Salt Lake City and never had I witnessed anything so ideal as his family life. He and his wife were so devoted and their children so well behaved, I felt sure that they possessed a quality I wanted. In response to my questions, he explained that their marriage was not for this life only—but for all time and eternity and that was the difference.

"In San Francisco after my marriage, it was my privilege to again associate with a fine young Mormon man in my work, Russ Jordan of San Bruno, I asked Russ many questions and he found the answer for me, but I still could not clearly see my place in the religion as a Jew. About this time I met another Jewist convert, Irv Cohen who had joined the Church in Korea. He helped me to understand the complete picture regarding the entire House of Israel. I read the Old Testament, every word, then started visiting Rabbis, Catholic Priests and Protestant Ministers, plying them with questions for which they had not satisfactory answer. I was convinced that if there was a true religion on earth, it was the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"However, I had to have a personal conviction so strong that there could be no single doubt for I had extreme opposition in my own family. So I decided to put the whole matter to a supreme test. I wrote a letter to the Prophet, David O. McKay, saying, "I am a Jew invesigating your church Please perform as in Deuteronomy 18:18. Sincerely, Lou Minkin."

THEN I PRAYED, earnestly, humbly to the Lord that he would put these words in the mouth of the Prophet: that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and that I would be welcomed into the church as a Jew. Two days later I prayed again, asking that if this be a true Prophet he would explain the prophecy of the two sticks as given in Ezekiel, 37th Chapter.

I received a beautiful letter in reply, one that I will forever treasure, from Elder LeGrand Richards of the Twelve. He had been designated to answer my letter by the Prophet McKay. In that letter he stated that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and he extended me a most warm and cordial welcome into the Church. With the letter he sent me a copy of his book, 'Israel Do You Know' which contains a clear explanation of Ezekiels prophecy. Elder Richards also requested that I read verse 19 of Deuteronomy 18th Chapter which contains the following instruction: '. . .that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.'

"I HAD MY ANSWER, a distinct, clear revelation from the Lord as far as I was concerned. I was completely dedicated to His cause and ready to go into the waters of baptism but my path was not to be an easy one. My family objected so strenuously that I was presented with losing them completely if I joined the Church. Again I was counseled by Elder Richards to be patient and faithful and the time would come when my dear ones would give approval. I did exactly as he said for four long years of waiting—and the time came, as he had promised. I was baptized October 31, 1958 and surely no one was ever more grateful. I am now a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood. I pray that someday I may have the privilege of taking my dear wife and children to the House of the Lord to be sealed as a family for time and all eternity and then to perform these sacred ordinances for my ancestors.

Center Has Junior Room

An unforseen need and an unused storage area add up to one Junior Sunday school room!

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Members Of Relief Society Learn How To Promote Safety In Home

By Gladys Lemmon

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" has been taken literally by 21 members of the San Mateo Ward Relief Society as they learn how to make a safer place for the family. Although it has been many a year for a majority of the sisters since they carried textbooks to school, they are preparing for exams in the hope of becoming an official Red Cross First Aider.

Relief Society President Neda Gyllenscog and Education Counselor Katie Lund have emphasized the importance of "being prepared" for any emergency. Sister Gyllenscog in calling women to take the course paraphrased President William Stoker's statement made at our last conference when he said, "Let us be able to say at that day, 'I'm glad I did, instead of, I wish I had'."

The following Monday night a full class was present at the Mae Nesbitt school in Belmont for the first of five two-hour sessions on first aid.

Instructor Norman Thompson of San Carlos, a volunteer worker in the Red Cross with many years experience both in and out of the armed services, has been helpful in teaching first aid, emphasizing the prevention of accidents as well as immediate care following injury or illness.

Several members were asked why they were taking the course and Marge Daniels, wife of Bishop Daniels, replied that the recent whooping cough experience with their little granddaughter had caused her to realize how much she needed the instruction. Bishop Daniels gave his full support to the program by changing the night for Bishopric meetings so the wives could take advantage of the course.

Maurine Ohran, Primary president, said she had always wanted to learn the most recent methods of artificial respiration. Mary Blum said the sight of blood made her ill and thought maybe if she knew what to do, she could be a help in time of emergency rather than a hindrance.

"Civil Defense has encouraged citizens to take this course as in case of catastrophe, with medical and hospital service curtailed, we would have to depend largely upon ourselves," said Julie Ferguson, "and therefore in addition to the day-to-day value, we are filling a civic responsibility."

Instructor Thompson, said that in his six years of teaching First Aid this had been his most outstanding class. Only 4 drop-outs in an original class of 23 set a record, and these had been caused by serious illness in the home in each case.

In addition to "being prepared" in First Aid, the RS Visiting Teachers on their monthly visits leave in each home a small card listing the items of food that can be purchased through the Welfare Committee for that month. By emphasizing one or two food items to be purchased in bulk quanities each month, the Welfare Committee is assisting ward members to build their food supplies on hand at minimum cost.

Bay Ward

Hoop Team Wins Division Title

By Grace McElroy

Bay Ward's black and orange team again took the all Church "M" Man Basketball Championship for Division 12, Feb. 28. The division extends from Yreka to Fresno and from Reno, Nevada, to San Francisco. The players are Stephen Jones, Robert Denning, Richard Hollon, Dudley Scott, Bob Milton Bart Seymour, Glade Wilks and Jim Lambert, Bay Ward coach.

A team had to win four out of four games for the Division 12 championship. Bay Ward is undefeated in this division for two years and, on a Stake basis, averages 72 points to 34 of any other team's.

The boys played terrific games throughout. All games were played hard and fast but their last one, with Sacramento Fourth Ward, representing Sacramento Stake, was the closest. The final score of that game was 38-34.

Each player received a trophy and the ward a larger one, which was presented to the MIA session of Stake Conference, March 22. Also, the boys were interviewed for a sports program on station KLX in Oakland. This program was heard Sunday night, March 15.

We'd like to say good-bye and thank you to Jim Lambert, the coach of this wonderful team. Jim will be staying in Provo after the basketball finals to finish his schooling at Brigham Young University. His wife, Betty, who was a sports director for Bay Ward too, will join him later. Congratulations also to Betty and Jim for the new member of their family. Betty gave birth to a beautiful 7 pound 7 ounce girl, Julia Lee, March 13th 1959, at 11:16.

Good-bye, congratulations, thank you and best wishes for the future from all of us at Bay Ward to two wonderful people.

Livermore Ward

'Now Let Us Rejoice' Is Theme For Annual Relief Society Social

By Virginia Badger

The Livermore Ward Relief Society held its annual birthday social the evening of March 14 at Forrester's Hall. Dancing to the strains of Bert Murdock's five-piece combo from Hayward Second Ward was enjoyed, along with intermission entertainment.

In celebration of the Relief Society's beginning the theme for the social was taken from the editorial of the March issue of the Relief Society Magazine, entitled "Now Let Us Rejoice." Virginia Badger read exerpts from the editorial and also from the article titled "Let Us Cherish One Another," by Hulda Parker, from the same issue of the magazine.

"Dancing Through the Ages,' 1842 to 1959, was the name given the dancing entertainment scattered throughout the evening's dancing. Various dances were performed with others joining in. Madge and Bob Thomas demonstrated the Virginia Reel with many joining them. The Varsouvienne was exhibited by Ray and Winifred Griggs, Myrtle and Andy Gardner, Finch. The Black Hawk Waltz was danced by Ray and Winifred Griggs, Myrtle and Andy Garnder, and Curtis and Louann Finch. The Fog Trot was done by Norma Franks and Marlon Simons and a Modern Dance by Chiq and Cal Harthun.

THE INTERMISSION entertainment included a hula, a jazz number and a tap dance by Jerri Harbin from Castro Valley Ward, and Sue Hickenlooper playing the selections, Jalousie and Chanson by Friml on her violin. Virginia Moore was her accompanist.

All the homemade apple pie and homemade ice cream that could be eaten was served. Credits for this outstanding social go to President Sue Hickenlooper, general chairman; First Counselor Sylvia Wardell and Eileen Ruff, building arrangements and cleanup; Second Counselor Marta Owen, entertainment; Cleone Parker, dance programs; Leona Webb, Patricia Holladay and Lela Reid, food; Earlene Clement, publicity; and Norma Franks, Codrine Bothwall and Myrtle Gardner, favors and decorations. The favors were carnations, made by Sister Gardner, of yellow tissue and tied with blue ribbon to make a corsage for the ladies. The blue and gold was in keeping with Relief Society colors.

The Relief Society, recently held a bake sale February 27 at the Safeway store under the chairmanship of President Sue Hickenlooper. The $43 earned will go to the Relief Society.

The Snowball Dinners, a Relief Society project to benefit the building fund, were started off by Chairman Leona Webb with a chicken feast at her home, March 6. All those attending the first dinner will in turn, give a dinner at their home, inviting different members. And these members will have a dinner for still other members until all in the ward have been included. The price is $2 to $2.50 a plate. Sister Clementina Ranney gave a Spanish Dinner March 13. Sisters Reir, Wardell, and Clement plan to give dinners soon.

THE ELDERS GROUP, under the chairmanship of first counselor Monte Hickenlooper held a fun party for elders and their wives, Feb. 28 at the home of Brother and Sister William Webb in Pleasanton. Don Stowell made up the invitations and contacted people. Dean and Donna Christensen provided the food which included delicious pizza. Don Biery conducted games and dancing to records.

On Feb. 15 Sister Marge Thomas became the new Primary President with the release of Sister Faye Cahoon will remain in Primary, however, teaching the Bluebirds and the Larks. Jane is the new Star Teacher.

On March 12 a luncheon was held at the home of First counselor Sister Lela Reid to honor Past President Faye Cahoon, past teachers Lorraine Simons, Clementina Ranney, and Velma Thomas, and past historian Eileen Ruff. President Sister Thomas paid special tribute to Faye Cahoon for the fine work she had done and presented her with a book entitled "The Dead Sea Scrolls." The luncheon was prepared by the officers and teachers.

A GLEANER CLASS was started with nine attending the first meeting March 4 at the home of Maria Zenger in Pleasanton. Sister Zenger gave the lesson and pie and ice cream was served. Sister Gertrude Nelson, an honorary

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SISTER ALVENIA OKEY, the oldest member of San Francisco Ward, shown with her oldest daughter, Alvenia Sanderson, in the San Francisco Ward patio at the side of the chapel, March 8. Picture was taken by Milford Conwell during Sister Sanderson's recent visit in San Francisco.

San Francisco Ward

Injured Relief Society President Given Surprise On Her Birthday

By Echo May

Officers and teachers of San Francisco Ward Relief Society made a surprise visit upon their president, Donalda Wright. The occasion was double-fold: March 4 was her birthday, and it also found her with an ankle broken in two places. Even with a broken ankle, it proved to be a most wonderful birthday, high-lighted by a call from her son, Wayne, in Utah.

On St. Patrick's Day, the birthday of the Relief Society, the ward Society honored its oldest members with a get-together.

Why not follow the example of the Clark family of San Francisco Ward, and bring the whole family out for a wonderful swim at Hamilton Pool at the corner of Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street? Only ten cents each Monday evenings from 6 to 7. And how refreshing!

March 4 Sacrament Service had a surprise for the audience in the awards given to Scouts. Bishop Scoville first told how hard it is for the Scouts in the Church of Jesus Christ to win the coveted awards, then he called on the parents of Bruce Yoshinaka, a deacon, James Lynch, a priest, and James Daily, Jr., a teacher, to come to the stand. All responded except Lillie Daily who was at home ill. James Daily won the 100 per cent Award with the 100 per cent seal attached, The bishop went on to tell what the boys had to do to earn the 75 per cent award, and asked the members to think whether they themselves had earned it or not.

Arlo Woodward, of Beach Haven Resort, Orcas Island, Washington, brother of Echo May and uncle of Donna McLean, was a visitor in San Francisco the weekend of March 4. During his short visit he enjoyed a wonderful trip to Mars in our fine Planetarium.

PRESIDENT SERGE LAUPER of San Francisco Stake, has asked your reporter to remind you that a Stake Memory Book is being compiled and needs the help of every member. If you have an old picture of the stake or its people, before or after it was a stake, please call BA 1-3824 or YU 2-2800 extension 30. Let us get busy and keep our eyes open to find interesting stories of people and events and turn them in for compiling in a precious book.

Sister Alvenia Okey, one of the people with wonderful memories has offered to aid in recalling the "glorious past" so it can be brought forth with the "golden present."

Alvenia Okey visited, during the summer of 1958, with her daughter Alvenia Sanderson in Caldwell, Idaho. On her eighty-eighth birthday there, she was honored by a gathering of 25 or 30 members of her fine family. In fact, five generations were there: Alvenia Okey, her eldest daughter, Alvenia Sanderson, her granddaughter, Winona Sanderson Sidener, and her great-granddaughter, Jerry Sidener Young, and little Debra Young, her great-great-granddaughter, the fifth in the living link of the Okey family.

On March 1st, Fast Sunday, Mark Wilson Moyer, son of Robert Allen Moyer and Norma Sibyle Armstrong, was blessed by his grandfather John Donald Perkins, second assistant in the Sunday School Superintendency of San Francisco Ward, while his grandmother, Helen Perkins, Relief Society Secretary, looked on proudly.

Dainty Cherie Anne, wee daughter of Ross and Rosalind Crosby, was blessed by her father also on March 1.

David Earl McLean, the blue-eyed son of Donna Jean McCracken and George MscLean, was given a name and elders' blessing by John Carleton, ward clerk.

S.F. Stake Offers Concert Saturday, May 22

By Irv Derrick

The San Francisco Stake will present a Music Concert Saturday, May 22, at the Stake House, corner 22nd and Lawton Streets, San Francisco, to raise money for their building fund. The concert, directed by Mrs. Jean Lauper, will feature 50 selected voices. Guest artists are concert pianist William Corbett Jones and soprano soloist Patricia Judd Stone. Mrs. Lauper will be assisted by her daughter, Bonnie, at the piano.

Mrs. Lauper, wife of President Serge J. Lauper, is noted for her excellent musical ability and the quality of her choral groups. She has led ward and stake choirs for a number of years.

William Corbett Jones, outstanding young concert pianist, is a member of the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music He studied under Lili Kraus and Adolph Baler, distinguished Vieenese concert pianist. The University of California has awarded Mr. Jones the Alfred Hertz prize for music for three consecutive years. He is a recording artist for Music Library. He has held recitals throughout the West and Midwestern States. His most recent was at Puerto Rico where he was invited to play at the governor's palace.

Patricia Judd Stone, a member of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, started her music career at nine years of age. At 13 she studied voice under Emma Lucy Gates Bowen. She attended the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, Calif., on a scholarship where she studied under Richard Bonelli. She continued her studies with Mr. Bonelli for seven years at Los Angeles, and later at the Curtis Institute of Music at Philadelphia. She attended the University of Utah and Los Angeles City College. Other accomplishments include, member of Music Faculty of the Brigham Young University, TV and Opera appearances. Her latest was with the Oakland Light Opera Company as Adele in Rosalina. She is married to Ronald W. Stone, member of Oakland Third Ward Bishopric.

West Bay Stakes

Users Of Recreational Area Warned Of Serious Fire Hazard

At priesthood meeting in the Los Altos Ward, March 15, Floyd Goates told of a recent fire in the Tri-Stake Recreation Area that fortunately was brought under control after doing only limited damage. However he warned users of the area that its dry condition and brushy character constitute a serious fire hazard, also that the property is under the jurisdiction of the Division of Forestry, State of California Department of Natural Resources.

Urging strict compliance with fire-preventive measures, he added that violations are punishable by law.

Following is the text of a statement, by Tri-Stake Executive Committee, that is being brought to the attention of Scout and Exporer groups and that has been offered for publication in The Messenger so that others likely to visit the area may be informed of precautions to be taken for its proper care.

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This guide has been prepared to help all who wish to enjoy this area to become acquainted with the Rules of the Game, which differ from devoloped areas. It is designed not only to point out good judgement and manners but to keep this wild area in a truly primitive condition, even though its use by our people will increase as time passes.

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3. I will use matches with care and not permit small children to carry them.
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(b) Buried at least two feet under ground in suitable places.

(c) I will provide toilet facilities at overnight camps by digging a slit trench not less than two feet deep which I will cover before leaving.

(d) I will not write, scratch, paint, carve, or in any way leave marks within the forest.

(e I will not pollute the steams or springs, using than as means of garbage disposal or as a lavatory.

(f) I will leave the camp area cleaner than I found it.

6. I will not smoke or allow visiting friends to do so.
7. Although this is your property it comes under the State of California Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and violations strictly are punishable by law. Use the area often and enjoy it.

TRI-STAKE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Floyd Goates, General Manager.

Sunnyvale Ward

Chapel Opening To Be May 23

By Maxine L. Naylor

The spacious new Sunnyvale Chapel will have its grand opening on May 23, with a dinner, tours of the building and dancing. A special sacrament meeting is planned for the following day under direction of Bishop Frank G. Hart. Everyone is invited to share this experience with ward members.

A Daddy Date for home builders and their fathers was held in the chapel under direction of Terry McClanahan, Faye Hawkins, Marion Zuccato, Lila Parrish, Wanda Lowe and Ruth Cirimele. "Family tie" decorations were used.

Rehearsals for the three act play, "You Can't Take It With You," are well under way under direction of Bonnie Farley. Some 15 young people are participating.

Blessings this month include Elizabeth Jane Dalton, Laura Lee Bentley, and Eric Jay Heusser. Confirmations, Olive Rose Bringhurst, John William Reed Jr. and Glen Wise Cropper.

The MIA welcomes Dennis Law as dance director. New Primary teachers are Madge Dahl, Bob Harris and Dorothy Harris.

The Youth Fireside group of both Sunnyvale wards went on a snow trip to Dodge Ridge Feb. 28, accompanied by Clair Connet and Bob Olson.

Brother and Sister Marlen McGhie are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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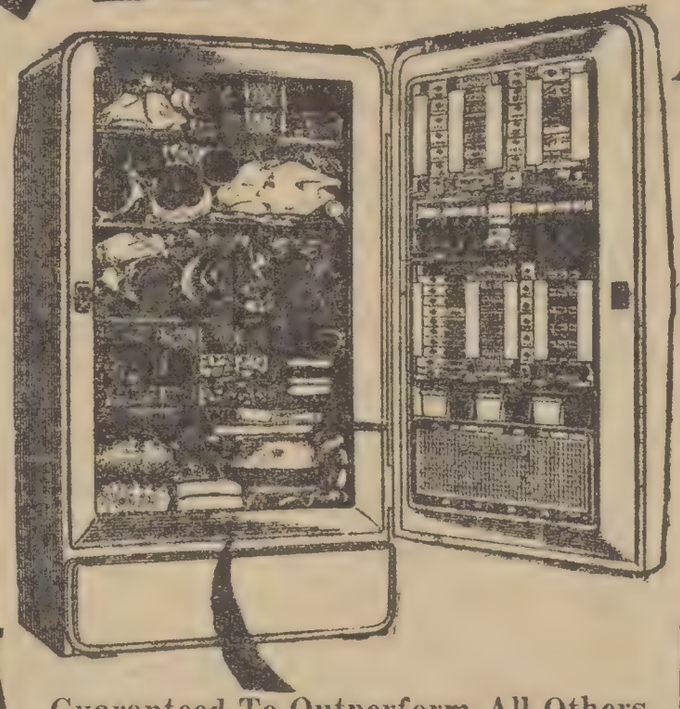

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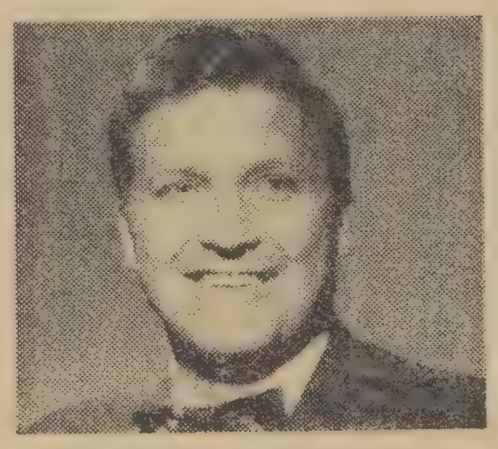

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Castro Valley Ward

Bishop Given $3000 Toward New Chapel

BY Nell Smith

A period of strenuous fund raising activities culminated last fast Sunday in an inspirational testimony meeting in Castro Valley ward. Many bore witness to testimony strengthening experience realized while laboring on buildings in which the Lord's work was to be carried on.

Preceding the meeting auxiliary leaders presented Bishop Brown with checks amounting to more than $3,000. This was money amassed from the continuing projects being conducted by ward members. Participants in the presentation were Primary, Relief Society, YMI and YWMIA, Fourth Quorum of Elders and the Family Dinner committee. All of the projects represented are currently in action or will be resumed soon.

It is this kind of loyal, steady and enthusiastic interest in our day by day money making endeavors that will eventually raise that structure of cement and steel which will be our symbol of the restoration of the Gospel.

INTERESTING ITEMS . . . Hope you had all these newspapers ready for Senior Aaronic members when they called last month . . . Larry Eagles directs the paper collecting project which will be continued indefinitely. . . . prayers for recovery have been voiced for Sister Katheryn Casanega who is recovering from an operation . . . Sister Isabella Wood, Herb Marsh's aunt, who is recuperating at the Marsh home . . . and our good wishes are always with Sister Opal Parker who has been in the hospital for some time . . . we welcome to our ward membership the Berrys, Haws, Olsons, Pearces, Terrells and Sister Wood . . . our ward family now totals 1,061 members or 388 families.

Congratulations to our outstanding high school teeners . . . first, to Doug Brown who broke his own record in the mile run . . . did it in 4 minutes and 51 seconds . . . to Marvin Brown who won the swim meet for his school . . . to Sharon Hartman who will graduate sixth in her class . . . to Brenda Rosenkrans, Bonnie Horrigan and Chris Tietjen who are three members of a girls' quartette which will sing in the Castro Valley high school "Spartigra" . . . to Owen Carroll who is getting a B plus at the University of California. . .and to Henry Stokes family who will soon have their little granddaughter with them for an extended visit . . .

OUR SYMPATHIES are extended to the family of Elder Tennyson Walton, president of the Fourth quorum of elders, on the passing of his mother.

Sister Hazel M. Walton passed away at a local hospital on March 13, 1959. Elder Alfred Fontano presided at the funeral services conducted in the Hayward Chapel on March 16, 1959.

A native of Montana, Sister Walton is survived by Mrs. Edith B. Merrill, Boise, Idaho; Benjamin F. Walton, Twin Falls, Idaho; and Tennyson H. Walton, Castro Valley, who are her children. She has two sisters, Mrs. Ada A. Andregg and Mrs. Letha Shaffer, both of Boise, where Sister Walton was taken for interment.

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Hayward Ward

Cookbook Theme Of Ward Social

Hayward ward will hold the first ward social of the year April 3, a social that will involve a cookbook of favorite recipes being compiled by the Relief Society. The book will be the theme of the potluck dinner. Husbands and children as well as the wives will be welcomed participants. Prizes and surprises will be offered and the party will provide a chance to meet new families in the ward.

David Stewart, a member of the Guide Patrol directed by Brother and Sister Hepworth, has received his second class pin.

Boy Scouts of Troop 802 enjoyed a snow trip to Pinecrest March 7, accompanied by Edward Foreman, Charles Parker, Bruce Hepworth, Leigh Waddell, Neil Rigby and Bernard Stewart. Some 20 boys enjoyed tobogganning and sledding and some camped out overnight and studied for merit badges.

The ward is welcoming a new member, Ruth Johnson, wife of Andy Johnson, who was baptised Feb. 27 in the private swimming pool of Mr. H. C. Crockett and confirmed that same evening. She has been active in Relief Society and is now serving as secretary-treasurer and has attended all Church meetings faithfully the past year.

San Mateo Stake

Stake Board To Honor Visiting Teachers April 9

By Naoma Bodily

During 1958, a total of 1150 San Mateo Stake families were visited 7564 times. This figure is impressive, but even more impressive is the fact that 251 busy mothers were responsible for these monthly visits—taking a gospel message, serving the less fortunate, comforting the sorrowing and distressed, and offering all that Relief Society embodies for the more abundant life. In all the world you could find nothing to equal the organized effort of this group of women.

It doesn't do much to talk about such big things as "humanity", democracy,' and the "brotherhood of man" unless we apply them in our daily living. This is exactly what each Visiting Teachers is doing when she lives close to the families in her district—making an extra visit to an aged sister just to cheer her; doing an errand for someone who is homebound; lending a hand and reassuring the young mother who is a little frustrated with all her new responsibilities; welcoming the newcomer who feels strange and lonely; taking new hope to the chronically ill with a smile and a fresh viewpoint; taking cookies to a sick child confined to bed for a long period.

Many a time a teacher has unhesitantly stepped in and taken over the duties of a sick mother.

Our Prophet Joseph Smith said to Relief Society women: "You are now placed in a situation where you can act according to those sympathies which God has planted in your bosoms. If you live up to your privileges, the angels cannot be restrained from being your associates."

The San Mateo Stake Relief Society Board wants to add their blessings by honoring these fine women at a Visiting Teachers Convention April 9, in the San Mateo Ward.

76 Receive Aaronic Awards

A total of 76 young men received Individual Aaronic Priesthood awards at the annual father-son banquet of San Mateo Stake.

A total attendance of 270 were there for the banquet, presentation, and program. Yosh Ushita, coach of the San Jose State judo team, gave a demonstration of judo with members of the college team. The speaker for the evening was M. B. Jones of the Sacramento Stake Sunday School superintendency.

There was plenty to eat, even for boys. The roast beef had been prepared by Stickney's Hickory House in Redwood City, and the trimmings were fixed by Virgina Ayrton, Phillis Lahaderne, Anna Staubhaar, Iola de Jong, Verna McDonald, Rena Succo, Lilian McNeal, Arleen Moulton, and Illa Stapp.

The program was under the direction of Edward L. Howard, chairman of the Aaronic Priesthood Committee. The committee members, Lester Sanford, Nolan Price, Arthur Bowman and Burnett Hendryx, served the meal.

Earning individual awards by a 75 per cent attendance at Priesthood, Sacrament and Sunay school, pying tithing, observing the Word of Wisdom, and executing various assignments, were the following:

SAN BRUNO WARD: Priests, Lawrence Lahaderne; Teachers, Keith Mitchell, Richard Waldron, Duane deJong, Richard Rodgers, Michael Dyal, Eugene Powell and James Hudson; Deacons, Steven Spence, Don Thomasson, Dennis Clegg, LeRoy Tripp, III, Richard Jackson, Randy Oyler, David Ayrton, Ronald Rodgers and Robert Hudson.

BURLINGAME: Deacons, Steve Jacobsen, Steve Hendryx, Kent Morris, and John Gebhard; Teachers, Stan Hendryx, John Arnason, John McMurdie and John Palmer; Priests, James Drake, Karl Morris, and Nathan Howard.

SAN MATEO: Teachers, Phillip Hochstrasser, Joel Burmester, and Aksel Peterson, Deacons, Bill Johnson and Leland Ashby.

SAN MATEO SECOND: Priests, Paul Bingham, Neal Johnson, and Roger Snell; Teachers, John Crew, Ron Daniels, John Peterson, Larry Nelson, George Park, Larry Winward, and Terry McQuarrie; Deacons, Craig Peterson, Dale Jacobsen, Joel Gyllenskog and Bruce Hardy.

SAN CARLOS: Deacons, Dennis Jones, James Taylor, Michael Merrill, Joel Weaver, and David Shields, Teachers, Barclay Smith, James Johnson, Frank Fenton, James Ball, Michael Brinton, Paul Griffin, and Karl Beckle; Priests, Bruce Freeman.

REDWOOD CITY WARD: Priests, LeRoy Cluff, Todd Weaver and Paul Marshall; Teachers, Allan Cassell, Gary Howard, Phillip Bowman, Wayne Bodily, David Clark and Ricky Terranova; Deacons, Douglas Alsop, Warren Meir, Kent Weaver, Richard Harris and John Estes.

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LIAHONA CLUB members as they met in one of their monthly meetings in 1946 in an Oakland hotel banquet room. This LDS men's service club was organized in 1945 by five Oakland business and professional men, Sam W. Scott, William H. Evans, Herbert A. Van Noy, Elmo R. Smith and Fred W. Weindorf. Scott was the club's first president, followed in that office in turn by Evans and Van Noy and by A. D. Ericksen, Dennis L. Lauper, Dr. A Ronald Smith, Heber J. Brown, Art Bliss, Dale E. Roe and Wendell C. Martin who is now serving his second term. Among the Club's first projects were the revival of the Messenger in 1946 and the establishment of the Club's 15½-acre campsite in 1949 in the Stanislaus Forest.

Los Altos Ward

Patriarchal Blessings Is Topic Of Talk Before Los Altos Elders

How patriarchs are selected and the nature of their duties formed the basis of a talk by Patriarch David Stoddard, of Palo Alto Stake, before Los Altos Ward elders and their wives. The recent meeting was held at the home of William Robertson, president of the Fourth Quorum of Elders.

Previewing the historical background for patriarchal blessings, Elder Stoddard reminded his audience that the first man, Adam, was also the first patriarch and that the line continued through Noah and Abraham down to Israel. The talk and subsequent answers to questions brought out points new to many listeners since the Palo Alto Stake, as now constituted, has had a patriarch only in recent months. Following is a summary of the principal points:

IT IS CUSTOMARY for each stake to have but one patriarch though, in cases of very large membership, there may be more.

A patriarch is usually a man of some maturity and Church experience, but he may be called at any age. Church history shows that John Smith was appointed as a pariarch in his early twenties and held that position for 56 years.

Appointment is by the President of the Church after consultation wiht the Apostles. Information from stake officers is taken under considedation.

An evangelical minister, as referred to in the Doctrine and Covenants (Sec. 107) indicates a patriarch. He usually has no other Church duties and his activities are largely independent of those of other stake and ward officers.

Receiving a patriarchal blessing is an individual experience; as being personal in nature such a blessing merits inclusion in one's genealogical records.

In giving the blessing, the patriarch is essentially a representative of the Lord and speaks under his influence.

CHURCH PROCEDURES require that each such blessing be permanently recorded in the historian's office in Salt Lake City. The individual also receives a copy.

To insure that only worthy members of the Church receive patriarchal blessings, a bishop's recommend is prerequisite.

To help provide a close personal relationship with the recipient of the blessing, Elder Stoddard prefers to use a tape recorder rather than have a stenographer present. He intersperses his talk with inspirational side remarks. For instance, he declared that in his extensive Church experience, he had nevr yet seen "anyone who could not measure up to what was required of him.

San Mateo Stake

Candy Paves Road To Utah

The Primary Board of San Mateo stake was passing out candy last month, but not for free. It was sold to finance a trip to the annual conference of the Primary Association in Salt Lake City for the entire stake board. They needed $100 for the expenses of two ears, and they made it.

They particularly wanted to go, because they had been invited. The Stake Primary Presidency, Arlene Jones, Dolores Merrill and Audrey West, are to participate in the Stake Presidents department at the conference, giving a ten-minute presentation on how the stake met the goal on subscriptions to the Children's Friend.

Others of the board making the trip will be Elaine Ashby, Lila Allred, Esther Pierce, Velda Fife, Cora Burmister, Carrell Thorpe, Shirley McMurdie and Elaine Pendleton.

Liahona Club Annual Meeting Features Talk By Lindblad

The Liahona Club of L.D.S. business and professional men gathered Monday March 23 in their 14th Annual Banquet and Ladies Night at the ward recreational hall on Temple Hill, Oakland. The speaker of the evening was Victor Lindblad, noted Boy Scout Executive, who spoke on the theme, "Our Responsibility to Youth."

Club President Wendall C. Martin extended a word of welcome and reviewed briefly the community service projects which the club is sponsoring. He first called attention to two of the Liahona Club's projects which were in evidence at the banquet, namely, the art exhibit of local LDS artists, and the annual oratorical contest for young LDS speakers on the general theme, "Mormon Contributions to California History." The winner of this year's contest, delivered the winning speech before the assembled diners.

Jack V. Evans, master of ceremonies, presented a program of vocal and instrumental selections consisting of several numbers by each of the following: Carl Peterson and his two sisters in instrumental numbers, Katherine Russel in contralto numbers and Eugene Kregg, accompanied by Calvin Wood, in bass solos.

President Martin, in speaking of the club's $50,000 mountain lodge and campsite buildings mentioned that each year, from 600 to 1000 MIA girls from the six stakes of the East and West Bay areas enjoy a week for each stake at this exclusive mountain site with its wonderful facilities for wholesome rest and group activities.

Los Altos Ward

Music Theme For Meeting

The varied and effective roles of music in the church , in the home, and at work and play provided the theme for a special Relief Society program at the Los Altos Ward chapel, the last Sunday in February. Thelma Whitecar, Relief Society president conducted; the principal speakers were Lottie Doering and Delores Egan; a chorus of Singing Mothers sang four selections, and Angela Long was solo violinist. Betty McClellan was chorister, and Marilyn Sharp, organist.

In describing the history of the Singing Mothers choruses in the Relief Society organization, Sister Doering stated that such singers in the Church now number 35,000. "Our purpose," she explained, "is not to give concerts but to sing praises to our Heavenly Father." She appealed for melody in our hearts as a means of furthering righteous living.

Continuing in the same vein, Sister Egan enumerated the many ways in which music renders service and also affects the emotions. For example: Devotional music is a call to worship; it generates reverence; music motivates noble thoughts; it is a consolation in trouble; it calms agitation and unrest. Music also may express joy and many hymns are a means of of giving thanks.

The recital of quotations from the Psalms and the Doctrine and Covenants provided pleasing interludes between the musical numbers and gave scriptural support to the valuable role of msuic in enriching human lives.

McMullins Return To Los Altos Ward

Nyal D. McMullin, a member of the bishopric of the Los Altos Ward during 1958, has returned to that ward from Los Angeles where he and his family recently lived for a short time. Nyal and his wife, Betty, had previously been active in numereous Church positions in both the Menlo Park and Los Altos wards, particularly in Sunday School and youth organizations.

Soon after returning to the Los Altos Ward Nyal was sustained as age-group assistant in the YMMIA and Betty as a teacher in the MIA. Professionally he has held responsible positions in business administration, electrical engineering, and marketing research, and is now a member of the Stanford Research Institute. The couple has one son, Glen, three years old.

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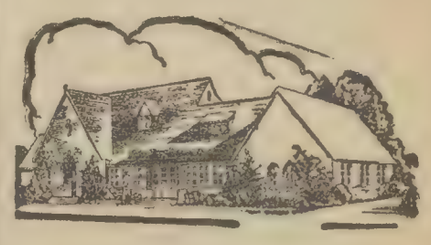

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Walnut Creek Ward

Fashion Show Coming Soon

By Anna Lea Spencer

Ah, 'tis Spring and young ladies of the Walnut Creek ward are looking forward to the Spring Fashion Show, April 18. The girls will model clothes that they have made themselves.

All girls and their mothers planning to go to M.I.A. Girls' Camp this summer will please mark their calendars for August 5-11. The ward party will be held April 17.

Our ward was doubly blessed this month with beautiful twin girls, Kimberly and Kathryn. They each weighed six pounds and three ounces and were born Feb. 24 to Lona and Ronald Wyatt.

The following children were confirmed this month; Deborah Claire Hansen, Janice Lorraine Ludvigson, and Gary Fred Ludvigson. (a note for mothers. . . . this is an important date on Church records and Book of Remembrances; please make certain that you record it in your Bible.

Bob Thurgood, home from his Eastern States mission gave a n inspiring message.

Ruth Brown, we are sorry about that broken arm—please stay off those ladders. Verla Hodge and Arnell Clark we hope you're gaining your strength back after pneumonia. Betty Carter, we hope you are improved after your operation.

The Primary welcomes back Ina Speer and Joan Groesbeck after their leave of absence. We also want to thank Elaine Pratt and Donna Bench for their splendid teaching. They will be replaced by Marilyn Neilson and Jan Hilton.

It's time to get out your pencil and enter in these new names in your ward directory and better still give them a phone call and welcome them into the ward. Gordon and Velma Millward and their children Michael, Roxanna, Pamela, Debbie along with grandma Margaret Millward live at 251 Marks Rd., Danville. Ruth Johnstone lives at 1290 Oakland Blvd., Apt. 116, Walnut Creek. Ted and Nada Myrl Christensen and their children Vicki, Blake, Mark, Layne, and Keith have moved into our ward from Pleasant Hill Ward. Their new address is 40 Mulberry Lane, Walnut Creek.

Party Honors Irene Ranker

Prior to her Hawaii departure Sister Irene Ranker was feted to a Hawaiian luncheon at the Pomona Ave., El Cerrito home of Grace Hopkins. Sharing hostess duties with Sister Hopkins were Bertha Anderson, Grace Summerhays, Emma Harmon and Laverne Rock.

The guests included members of her stake board when Sister Ranker was Stake Relief Society president. Each guest received a beautiful lei and the guest of honor was presented a book from her former Relief Society associates.

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RUSHING THE SEASON—One young lady was fifteen years early in posing with the debutants of Palo Alto stake who were presented at the annual Gold and Green ball. But the anonymous youngsters had the time of her life, as did the other two dozen lovlies on this enchanted evening.

Menlo Park

Stan Tells Of Loyalty To 'Y'

By Nell Hughes

The following is taken from the Brigham Young University school paper which was the first in a series of stories on campus personalities.

MICHELSON REJECTS STANFORD SCHOLARSHIP

Why would someone turn down a scholarship which covered the complete cost of attending a university located so near his home that he could see it from the yard? Stan Michelsen did this very thing when he gave up a scholarship to Stanford University in order to attend Brigham Young University.

Stan said that he felt that he should be here at BYU because of the wonderful Church atmosphere and activities. He wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Also, the Prudential Insurance Company sponsoring the award expected him to join its staff permanently after graduation and Stan's professional plans include working in newspaper advertising and later in an advertising agency.

Stan also won a merit award for business for his work in the circulation department of the Palo Alto Times.

Here at BYU, Stan has participated in many activities and was recently named as the Daily Unlverse business manager. He is a member of the Intercollegiate Knights, a national honorary service fraternity and won a service scholarship from the group. He served two years in the Uraguay Mission as assistant to the president.

Stanley Michelsen is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Skeie, of the Menlo Park ward and is at present attending the Brigham Young University.

Special Interest class members of the M.I.A. of Menlo Park ward are enjoying interesting programs. Burnett Hendryx of Burlingame reviewed the fascinating book "One Fold and One Shepherd" by Thomas Stewart Ferguson. Allan Bergen of Stanford University, also associated with the Veterans Hospital gave a talk on psychiatry.

It was fun and laughter Tuesday evening when a one act western farce "Half Pint Windom Rides West" was presented to the Mutual audience. The girls parts were played by boys and the boy parts by girls. The play was under the direction of Rose Mari Dunham.

Shawn Clarice arrived Feb. 24, to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rogers. She was joyfully greeted by her two brothers, Jamie and Mark. Her mother, JoAnn, is the literary lesson teacher in Relief Society.

Sherma Lund, Menlo Park Ward Primary president, is glad to welcome a new secretary to her staff of officers and teachers, Janice Harris, former second counselor, will take over the duties of first counselor, Gleanora Hughes, former secretary, will be the new second counselor and Doris Anderson, who has been teaching Sunbeams, will be the new secretary. Marilyn Anderson will be the new Sunbeam teachers, Joyce Webb, retiring first counselor will assume new duties as second counselor in the Stake Primary Presidency.

"Help the Children Keep His Light" was presented to the ward members Sunday evening, March 15. Margaret Leigh, Bluebird teacher, pertrayed the part of a primary teacher and mother. Larry Leigh took part of her son and Robert Hobson was the forgotten boy who received an insight into what special enjoyable things the Primary offers to the children. More than 100 children are attending primary each Wednesday afternoon.

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Palo Alto Stake

Annual Gold And Green Ball Proves 'An Enchanted Evening'

By Gay Taylor

Fresh leis flown in from the Hawaiian Islands, music by Teddy Yap and his Hawaiian Starlighters and elaborate decorations by Opal Millar featured the annual Gold and Green Ball of Palo Alto stake.

Stars of the evening were, of course, the 24 lovelies who were presented.

Theme of the ball was "An Enchanted Evening," and over 500 people attended the event, which was held at Cubberly high school in Palo Alto. While the orchestra played "Some Enchanted Evening," the curtains parted and two dozen living statues were silhouetted against the Hawaiian background. Then the lights came up and Stake President David B. Haight put a lei around each girl's neck, and a kiss upon her cheek, as she was presented.

"Now we know," stated Stake M.I.A. Superintendent George H. Holdaway at the microphone, "the value of being stake president."

"But he really didn't kiss us," one of the girls confided. "Just whispered something nice in our ears."

Following the presentations, which were in charge of Stake YWMIA President Elsie Ramsden, the orchestra played "Sweet Leilani," while the debutants danced with their fathers.

The floor show, in charge of Ken Shepherd, consisted of authentic Hawaiian dances. And between times, the crowd helped itself to the free snacks prepared by the wards of the stake.

Presented on this enchanted evening were: Los Altos ward, Karen Dalton, and Sue Nelson; Menlo Park ward, Lynn Baker, Carol Ann Cole, Diane Jarrard, Una Kay Lea, Carol Leihy, Patricia Nielson, Norma Sanders, and Ria Watson; Sunnyvale First, Claudia Curtis, Charis Greenwood, and Brenda Reed; Sunnyvale Second, Coleen Smith, Zella Wood, and Lisa Woodward; and from Palo Alto ward, Kathie Denton, Patricia Farr, Jill Johnson, Jean Muir, Joan Muir, Nancy Peery, Suzanne Ramsden and Gay Rasband.

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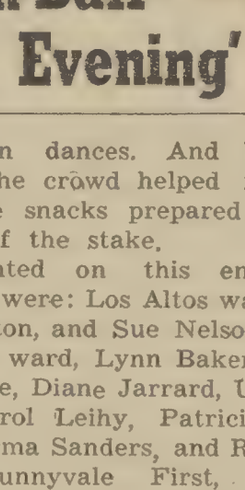

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Berkeley Second Ward

Ward Young People Triumph In Area Science Competition

By Vaunee T. Larson

Kandy Olson, daughter of Ferron and Donna Olson was a two place winner in the N.E. Bay Science Fair held at Contra Costa Junior College. In addition to winning the first place award in the 8th grade physical science division. Kandy was named Grand Award Champion for Physical Science in Junior High School. Her entry now goes to the San Francisco Bay Area Science Fair.

Kandy's entry was concerned with the measurement of three kinds of heat effects on ice. Bonnie Baer and David Jenson, classmates of Kandy at Portola Junior High, also had entries, as well as Elizabeth Cain from Harding Grade School. Dale Squire from Fairmont and Kandy's brother, Randy, from Kensington.

Elizabeth and Sheila Cain, daughters of Bill and Lucille Cain, won first place in the Harding Dad's Club sponsored Talent Show with their variety act, acrobatic and tumbling.

TOM GREEN delighted the ward with his missionary report given in his pleasing Southern drawl. After his marriage April 3 in the Salt Lake Temple to the lovely Norene McClelland, dauhter of Bishop and Mrs. Ross McClelland of the Hayward Ward. Tom will be in the six months' army reserve training program. As if there weren't enough excitement in the J. Ward Green household already, our Priel is on the seven-week's long Alameda County Superior Court jury duty.

Ken Kennedy, El Cerrito High student, and son of Jack and De Rae Kennedy, praised by the teenage set for his musical ability, now numbers the older folk among his group of admirers. As prelude music for his mother, Relief Society organist, Ken composed a classical piano solo. A piano student, Ken has composed some 22 numbers.

"Save those papers and magazines" is the plea made by genial Ray Karpus, in charge of supplying paper for the High Priests' paper roject at the welfare center in El Cerrito. Ray asks us to tie the paper or magazine bundles and put them on the church patio, or simply call his home, LA 5-1018, and bundles wil be picked up.

A TREASURED memory for 14 boys and 21 girls is their recent trip to the Los Angeles temple to do baptismal work. After instructive talks by Don Corbett, genealogical chairman, and Grant Cluff, their seminary teacher, and a prayer offered by Alvin Carpenter, the young people left by bus with an L.D.S. driver on a Friday noon and returned in the wee hours of the following Tuesday morning. They spent fun-filled days chaperoned by four youth teachers and leaders, Ann Crockett, Phyllis Daniels, La Rae Storey, and Grant Cluff.

For our ward conference we had our own President Summerhays as presiding officer. The ward was commended for al the activities and in a kindly way the members were urged to extend these circles of activity and to increase sacrament meeting attendance and fast offerings.

THE 117TH BIRTHDAY party of the Relief Society was celebrated with a luncheon served from tables beautifully decorated by Sisters Ivadell Erickson and Emma Jensen. Corsages were presented to Past Presidents Grace Summerhays, Ada Lindblad, Helen Jenson and Elaine Evans, and to three faithful members eighty years young, Emma Jenson, Jennie Carlston and Ada Umberger.

Primary officers and teachers entertained their husbands at a dinner at the home of the president, Jane Ricks After a dinner served to 30 a stimulating talk given by Tom Ferguson on his new book and on his archeological findings.

The Cub Scouts' annual Blue and Gold dinner was held at the church. Three dens and a Webelo group composing Pack 95 participated. An award meeting and movies concluded the program. Outgoing officers in charge of the dinner were Zendell Hale, cub master, Chairman Ferron Olson, Committeeman Ray Balmforth, and Secretary Bob Freeman. The new officers are Vern Olson, cub master, Sam Holmes, assistant cub master, Chairman Don Pack, Committeeman Ray Balmforth and Secretary Bob Freeman. Den mothers are Donna Olson, Barbara Hulme and Dawna Derr. Ferron Olson is the Webelo leader.

Special guests at the dinner were Tom Gain, Area representative, Annetta Wood, Stake Primary president, and three guests who were also participating parents, Bishop and Sister Richard Owens and Primary President Jane Ricks

Chubby baby Dona Roberts daughter of Bessie and Larry Roberts has arrived, with a host of friends to wish her well. They were on hand to greet her mother at a shower hostessed by Grace Hopkins

Mark Wolsey, returned missionary son of Frank and Ida Wolsey, now of Provo, was a visitor at the John Harmon home. His sister, Barbara, will be married in the fall.

Lynda DeRouen, member of the Thespians Drama Club, won applause in her comedy part of the El Cerrito High Senior play. . . . David Cain and Richard Haskell have been ordained to the office of teacher. . . Sally Turner and Clyde and Clifford Nuzman were baptized and confirmed.

Playing in the Kensington Hilltop Youth Symphony concert were Richard and Howard Bodily, Cheryl Woolf and Mark Hopkins. Mark also played a trombone solo. Rilla

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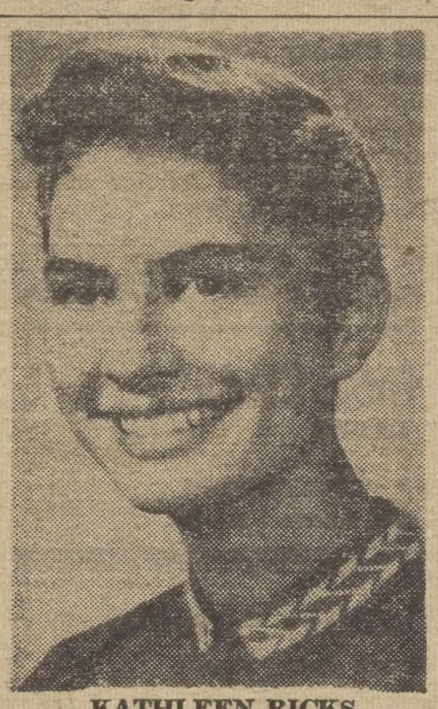

KATHLEEN RICKS

Berkeley Second Ward

Kathleen Ricks, Marion Western To Be Married

Dr. and Mrs. Marc Ricks, 825 Contra Costa Ave., Berkeley, announce the engagement of their daughter Kathleen, to Marion Wayne Western of Deseret, Utah son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Marion Western.

The young couple met while attending the B.Y.U. where they have been active in Church and school affairs. Miss Ricks is a sophomore while Mr. Western is a junior and is majoring in chemistry. Mr. Western has been active in music groups on the campus, singing in the male chorus and opera workshop. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma national honorary fraternity.

The bridgroom-to-be has served a two year mission in the New England States and has just completed a stake mission while attending the B.Y.U.

The father of the bridegroom-to-be fulfilled a mission for the Church in California. He and his wife Myrtle have been long time residents of Deseret, Utah, where they are both active in Deseret Ward.

The marriage will be performed i n the Manti Temple May 22. After a brief honeymoon the young couple will make their home in Logan, Utah, where Mr. Western is employed by the Thiokot Chemical Corporation. In the fall he plans to continue his schooling at the Utah Agricultural College in Logan.

The bride's parents have been residents of the Bay Area for the past 23 years and are active members of the Berkeley Second Ward. Mrs. Ricks is president of the Primary Association.

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THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT of Pleasant Hill Ward YMMIA, Richard Stauffer, center, is welcomed to his new calling by Bishop Von R. Nielsen left, and Counselor William Matthews.
—Photo by Dora Friedrich.

Pleasant Hill Ward

Bishop Nielsen Reminds Ward Of Notable Birthday, April 6

By Dora Friedrich

Spring, the glorious season of the year when Nature bursts forth with new life—new hopes--- is the ideal time for this month's message to his Pleasant Hill Ward family from Bishop Von R. Nielsen, who says:

"Birthdays are occasions wherein we celebrate and give thanks for our past experiences, and recognize the goodness of the Lord unto us.

April 6, 1830, the Lord saw fit to grant unto man the greatest of all plans——that which insures happiness unto everyone who adheres to His principles.

"This year, 1959, we see about us many signs of tension and world-wide political unrest. But, in our homes, if we have so chosen, there is no need for these tensions. For, where the spirit of the Lord, is His peace reigns over all.

"Let us, on this particular birthday, rededicate ourselves to the furthering of this important plan of life, because only through the influence of the principles of the everlasting gospel will peace become reality in the hearts of men."

GAIETY IN a party dress is planned for the evening of April 3, the time dated for Pleasant Hill Ward's Gold and Green Ball.

MAJOR CHANGES in the superintendency of the YMMIA welcomes Dick Stauffer as head man to take the place of Daryl Dangerfield, released with a vote of thanks to join wife Lorraine in the Stake Mission field. Arthur "Mack" Hennefer has accepted the call as age-group counselor; Bob Hironymous retains his work as activity counselor, and Al Levesque is the new secretary.

Don Sovereign, recent bridegroom and convert to the Church, is drama director for men, and young John Doman is music director. Dick Harvey is Junior M-Men leader.

On the distaff side, Barbara Gleason will instruct the Junior Gleaners, and Marge Kaiser will serve as speech director.

Things are humming at MIA sessions, with Don and Velda Coffin, dance directors, putting participants through their paces in preparation for the June 6 dance festival. .

LOTS OF CHANGES in the ever growing Sunday School staff, too, with Superintendent Milton Fuller admitting that the stake is responsible for many, as it recruits his personnel.

Milton has lost Maureen Perona as genealogy instructor, as she accepts a call to stake genealogy, but he is pleased with her replacement, Lela Kaufman. Other to the staff are Mary Norton, Pratt Green, Joy Thomason; Dixie Porteh has been reassigned to the Junior Sunday School——the classes there just keep growing along. . .

ALL IS QUIET in Primary, President Nellie Allred reports gleefully. . .with just the usual enthusiastic youngsters keeping their teachers busy.

And now that they have just recently chalked up another successful birthday party to their credit—the Relief Society is making plans for its part in assuring the success of the annual rummage sale for Ward Welfare—this dated for May 8.

Evelyn Fuller has accepted an important detail in preparation. . . all she has to do is line up about 75 women to call an estimated 3000 Pleasant Hill homemakers and implore: "Please clean out your storage spots for our sale!

REMEMBER MAY 8 for another reason too——a food and fun one. This date (tentative) has been set for the first of several big socials announced previously by the new Ward social committee comprised of Rube Fredrich, chairman; Dorothy Matthews, Dewy Williams and Evelyn Tueller. . .

Everyone's happy about the newly organized choir, whose members sing a-capella under the direction of Phil Dalby. There's still room for more female and male voices. . . . One little one was blessed in March—Master Roger Evan Gronlund. Baptised and confirmed were Clay Wesly Harris and Fletcher Austin Lewis.

Brother Eldon Alger and his sons are receiving condolences from ward members in the loss of their wife and mother, Lorraine, who passed away this month.

RAPID RECOVERY wishes are in order for several favorites of the Ward family—Sister Pearl Taylor, who has been confined to bed for several weeks at the Perona home; to Sister Elsie Jeppson, who is recuperating from surgery performed at Peralta Hospital, and to one of the handsome Corbridge twins, Steve, who suffered a bad leg fracture during track practice at Pleasant Hill High.

Singing Lullabies to their new baby—seventh child and fourth son, are Martin and Gwen Alred, who welcomed Reese William on March 8.

It couldn't have happened to a nicer or more deserving person—Pleasant Hill Ward's Sister Dewey Williams, who sailed the ocean blue this month to Hawaii with Sister Irene Ranker of Lafayette . . . .and Ensenada, Mexico, was the destination of your reporter, who returned just in time to remember she had a date with a column for the Messengar.

Spreading the welcome mat at home were Paul and JoAnne Rhodes, who entertained his mother, Mrs. Mary Rhodes from Salt Lake City. Young Allan Rhodes was about the most pleased four-year old in Pleasant Hill to think he had two grandmothers around at one—Mary and Nellie Allred.

Richmond Ward

Recipe Book To Aid Fund For New Chapel

By Catherine R. O'Connor

Scheduling a sales date to cincide with ground-breaking ceremonies for Richmond Ward's new chapel, the ward's Relief Society hopes to give the building fund a boost by sharing favorite recipes with ward members and friends throughout the area.

Featuring favorite recipes of President and Sister David O. McKay, Sister Ezra Taft Benson, Sister Belle Spafford and her counselors in the Church Relief Society and other general authorities, as well as Oakland-Berkeley Stake leaders, the cookbook will go to press the first week of April and will be available for $1 about a month later.

Sister Carolyn DeLaMare, wife of Richmond Ward's bishop, heads a committee of dietitians and food majors from various wards who are judging menus from Oakland-Berkeley Stake and will prepare sample meus for a ward or stake dinner, including recipes for large portions. Prizes are being offered for winning recipes.

Rose Day is supervising preparation of a "Youth Section," featuring recipes submitted by young people and there will be a "Men's Section" also.

Every recipe used in the book will include the donor's name and deadline for recipes is March 31.

The cookbook committee includes Della Child, Eva Ashcraft, Vi Neal, Emma Amtoft, May Parsons, Rose Day and Bob Parker.

A "Friday the Thirteenth" cooking contest and potluck dinner, featuring recipes which are included in the book, proved lucky for several ward members whose dishes were judged best by Brother and Sister Fred Chester and members of the Bishopric with their wives.

The event was planned by Sister Helen Ruggles, the committee and Relief Society President Aileen Wightman, First Counselor Jackqueline Hatch and Second Counselor Annie Ley O'Connor.

Bishop Harold E. DeLaMare recently announced final plans have been approved in Salt Lake for Richmond Ward's chapel and urged all ward members to make their contributions to the building fund so that construction can begin in early May.

Sunset Ward

Boy, 12, Reads Book Of Mormon

After completing the Book of Mormon in three years of weekly readings, Nicholas Parker Baumann, of Sunset Ward, has started on the Bible.

The project of the 12-year-old San Francisco State deacon started in April, 1956, when he began reading the Book of Morman to his grand-aunt, Mrs. Olive Pratt Anderson. Every Sunday after Sunday School, without exception Nicholas read to his aunt, who is a granddaughter of the early apostle, Parley Parker Pratt.

The pleasant project was finished in February, 1959. Then he started on the Bible.

FIRST AND LAST Silver Award ever received by an Explorer Scout in San Mateo stake was pinned upon Stanley Hendryx of Burlingame ward by his mother, Bertha. Reason for the "first" is that San Mateo stake is comparatively new. And it is the "last" because no more Silver Awards will be given, under a new reorganization of scouting. To win the award, Stanley earned ratings in Aviation, Communication, Navigation, and Vocations. He is Crew Leader of Post 246, and President of the Teachers' Quorum of his ward.

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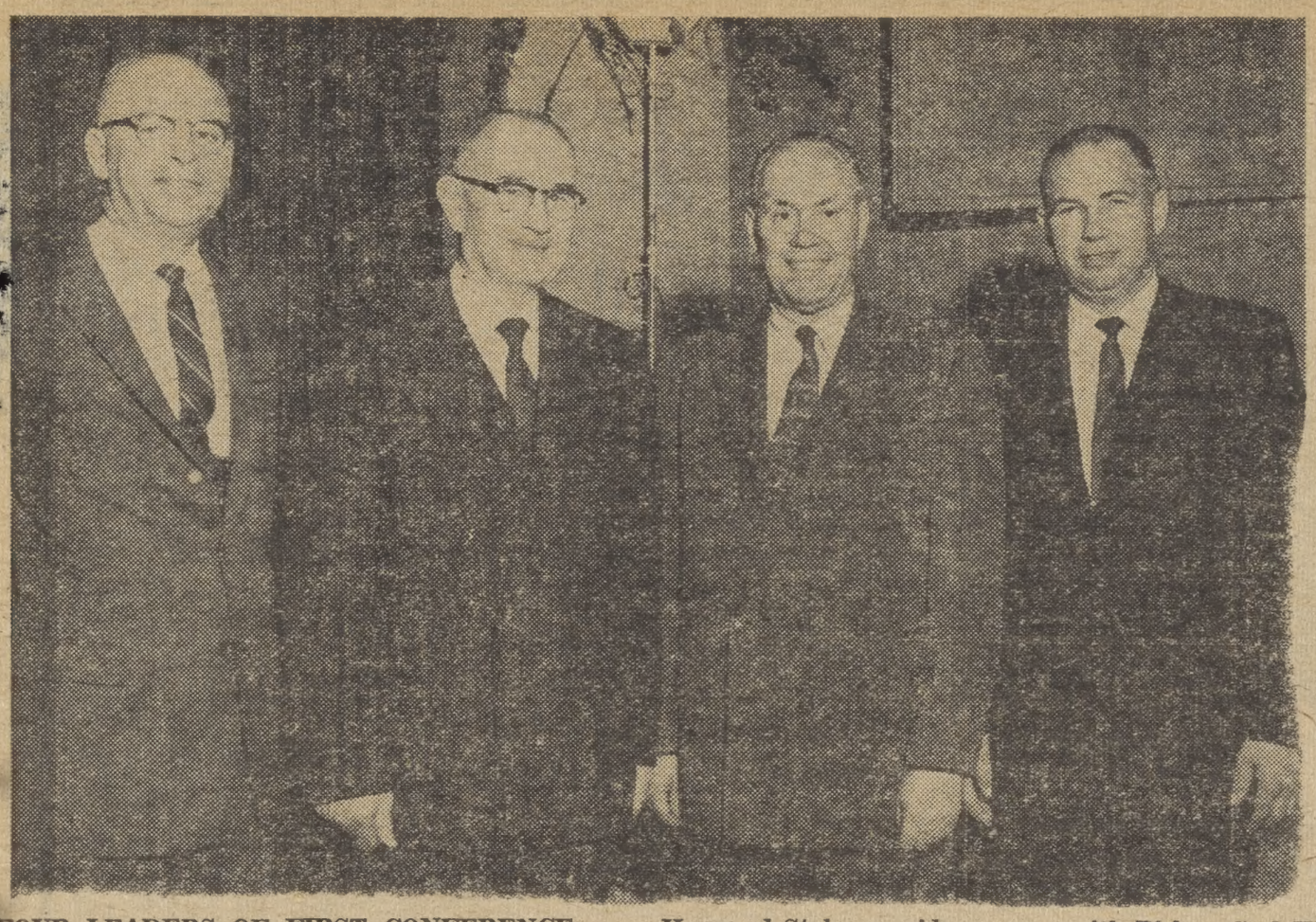

FOUR LEADERS OF FIRST CONFERENCE . . . Hayward Stake presidency pose with Bishop Carl W. Buehner who was the representative from Salt Lake to attend the first Hayward Stake conference held a the Interstake Center. Left to right are Counselor A. Gifford Jackson, President Milton P. Ream, Bishop Buehner and Counselor Francis B. Winkel. —photo by Hayward Stake Information Service.

Ward Teaching Value Stressed At Hayward Stake Conference

By Gertrude Lesser

Members of Hayward Stake, meeting for their first quarterly conference in the new East Bay Interstake Center, were told of responsibilities and blessings in the ward teaching program in a stirring talk by President Milton Ream.

"If this program is to be successful it must find responsiveness in every heart," he declared.

President Ream said there should be appreciation for the ward teacher who is a direct contact with the bishop, and that he should be given a genuine welcome.

President W.Glenn Harmon, first counselor in the Northern California Mission Presidency, said that "after 30 years this beautiful building is a dream come true."

PRESIDENT HARMON, pointing to historical backgrounds for present accomplishments, sketched briefly the life of John Horner, who 109 years ago in Centerville laid the roots for what we are enjoying today. He established the first meeting house in Centerville, used by several faiths. "There were dark days and the Church did not prosper for awhile in this locale, but John Horner remained true."

Bishop Buehner of the Presiding Bishopric, congratulated the stake and area for the beautiful Interstake Center and stressed the fact that Church members who have been inactive for years are returning to the Church. "This is being accomplished by regular ward teaching," he emphasized.

President Buehner told stories that brought out the "too little and too late" aspect of some members' lives. One mother who herself had been lax, wept when she was unable to go into the temple with her daughter at the time of marriage, he said.

President Gifford Jackson, declaring that the Church means a lot more than the welfare and athletic programs, stressed the need for strong testimonies. He urged members to learn Church doctrines, gain personal testimony, attend services and give strict attention in classes.

President Franz Winkel emphasized the value of prayer, which gives strength. "To become spiritually alive we must pray. Families are united in spirit through prayer," he added.

President O. Leslie Stone of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, expressing appreciation for the cooperation among members of the three stakes during erection of the building, said that he visualize on thsi same hill in a few more years a beautiful temple.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD members Michael McDonald, Michael Lyons, Billie Hartley and Walter Soots told of the necessity for activity and the blessings that come through participation.

Delores Bedner listed the ideals of an L.D.S. girl that insure her happiness now and hereafter. Edna Woods expressed gratitude that after eight years of inactivity she and her husband were active again and said that their testimonies were stronger each day and life had taken on new meaning.

Heber Brown and Eugene Edward, returned missionaries, gave inspirational testimonies. Marie Lindsay told about experiences of her and her husband, Claude, as missionaries in Australia and Tasmania.

Musical numbers were given by the San Lorenzo Second Ward Choir at the morning session, and by the Centerville Ward Choir, in the afternoon.

Center Getting Plenty of Use; New Jobs Start

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"SELDOM A DAY passes when someone does not inquire about our beautiful building ond request to be shown around. We have in mind establishing a missionary corner or library for the display and distribution of Books of Mormon and Gospel tracts. Perhaps we will find it necessary to inaugurate a guide service before the construction of the Information Bureau but at present our finest missionary is the building itself. Its type of architecture, its visibility to the traveler, catches the first interest and from there inquiries are made about its purpose and varied uses. This building is doing and will continue to do a lot of missionary work."

Elder Bybee turned back to his typewriter and the compilation of the well-filled monthly calendars.

Now Let Us

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Golden Gleaner, is presently acting as advisor. The meetings will be held one night a month and perhaps more. The girls are encouraged to work toward their Golden Gleaner awards. Sisters Willy Sorenson and Cleone Parker are Golden Gleaners now.

A baby shower was given for Virginia Badger March 13 at the home of Cleone Parker. Sister Parker prepared games and delicious defreshments that were enjoyed by the 19 present. Sister Badger received many lovely gifts that were wheeled out in a pink and white crepe paper decorated doll buggy.

Gaylene Doris Shaw, baby daughter of Graham and Doris Shaw was blessed on Fast Sunday, March 1.

Young People Of Three Stakes Swing Into Fun-filled Week

By Samuel W. Taylor

A tri-stake "Swing into Spring" week was under way in San Mateo, Palo Alto and San Jose stakes as this issue of the Messenger went to press. The event, sponsored by the MIA, was for M-Men and Gleaners.

Purpose: fun.

Design: to acquaint young people of the three stakes with each other.

Object: matrimony.

The program for this laudable aim includes an event in each stake. The week was scheduled to begin Sunday evening, March 22, with a three-stake Fireside, held in Palo Alto stake at the Menlo Park ward. The speaker Patriarch I. B. Ball, who was to talk on the Book of Mormon evidence being uncovered by excavations in Guatamala.

On Friday, "Fun Night" was scheduled at San Mateo stake in the Redwood City ward recreation hall. This was to include games, refreshments, and the opportunity for young men to survey young ladies and young ladies to appear oblivious of the scrutiny.

The following night was to be the big dinner dance, held in San Jose stake at the San Jose Third Ward. This featured a live orchestra, and, perhaps more important, a contingent of young men from Fort Ord.

Included in the week was also a concert by the Madrigal Singers from the BYU, on Tuesday at Palo Alto ward.

And, doing things in a really big way, the "Swing into Spring" week was to be stretched to eight days, ending Easter Sunday with a testimonial fireside at each stake's individual stake center.

The event is in charge of M-Men and Gleaner leaders of the three stakes. San Mateo, Evaline Cassell and James Stanton; Palo Alto, Virginia and Ralph M. Price; San Jose, Della Stutznegger and Shirley C. Nielsen.

Elections For Singles Group

The LDS Singles group is holding elections at the regular First-Sunday Fireside on April 5, 8 p.m. Members and interested single Latter-day Saints are urged to come and join in voting, as well as the program to follow. The location is as always: Oakland Fourth Ward, 4705 Virginia Ave., (between Monticello and High).

The "Election Special" dance on March 28 was sponsored by the San Francisco contingent. San Francisco, provided a laudable addition to the regular 2nd and 4th Saturday night dances at Oakland Fourth Ward. Leon Poulson's beautiful music and dependable show were appreciated.

Young People

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Bodily and Jeanne Hays played in the Young People's Symphony concert.

Our get-well wishes go to Hortense Carpenter and Sister Kimball.

Southland visitors during Easter vacation were the Bill Cain and Ray Balmforth families. The children of these famiies joined with the seminary group in doing baptismal work.

Oakland Fourth

MIA Presenting 'Martin Luther' Film April 7

By Vera Johnston

The MIA is presenting the film, "Martin Luther," for all Oakland Fourth Ward members Tuesday, April 7. Those who have seen it are invited to see it again and along with others learn of some of the incidents that occured in history that caused the falling away of the true christian church. All are encouraged to bring friends. There is no charge and it will start at the regular time, 7:30 p.m.

Oakland Fourth has done it again! For the 6th consecutive year the ward has won the award in the Aaronic Priesthood program. This particular program has been in effect for seven years. In order to receive the honor the ward need have 60 per cent or better of its Aaronic priesthood boys receive individual awards. Last year 68 per cent of the boys received awards, the highest per cent our ward has ever had. The award was presented at the monthly ward winner for the young men and their parents.

THE BOYS of the basketball team won the Oakland-Berkeley Stake championship with a 19 win, 1 loss record. The hard playing team racked up all 19 wins in a row losing one in the playoff. They received the sportsmanship award. Fans of the ward hope they can play again next year ending in Salt Lake City. The team members were Charlets Reese (coach), GenePerry, Hal Chartrand, Elden Hugie, James Geddes, James Barton, Wayne Hubble and Dennis Lindsay.

Somoan Mission

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School teacher. Marilyn taught the Mia-Maids. Friends gathered at a combined going away party and baby shower at Bud and Alice Cook's home on Friday March 6.

Ned and Renee Kirkham will make their home in Merced due to a Bank of America transfer as a loan officer for Ned. He has been our financial ward clerk and Renee has been busy in the Primary.

GORDON MATSON was released as assistant financial clerk and Tom Faw sustained. Gordon is now second counselor in the Sunday School. New teachers recently sustained were Verla Smith as Junior Gleaner leader, Sharon Orr as Jr. Sunday School teacher, and Ramona Carlson as a Primary teacher.

Gordon Craig will give a concert at the Alameda Ward on the April 17, 1959 at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Leisa Gay Vincent is the new daughter of Larry and Gay Vincent, arriving on St. Patrick's day March 17. She weighed seven pounds five and three quarters oz.

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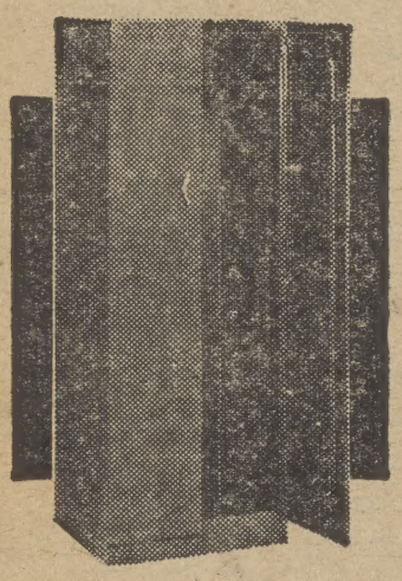

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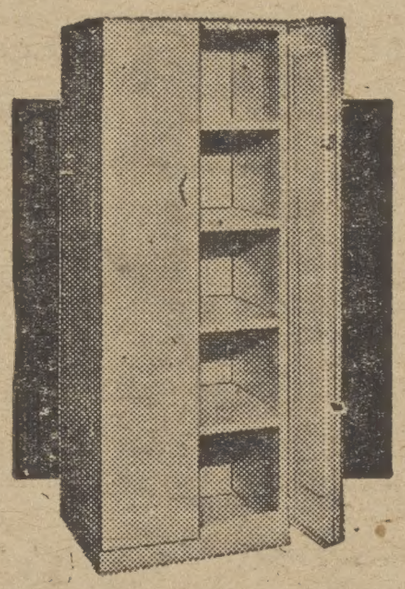

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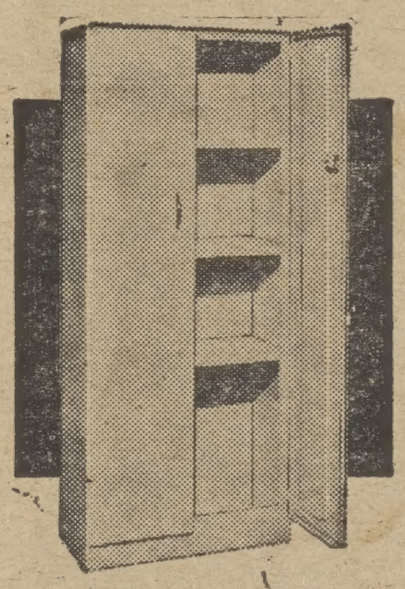

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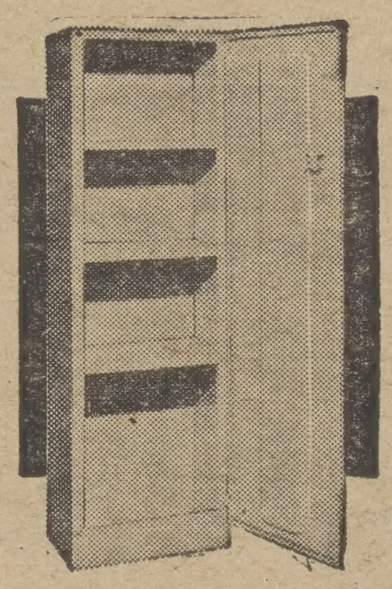

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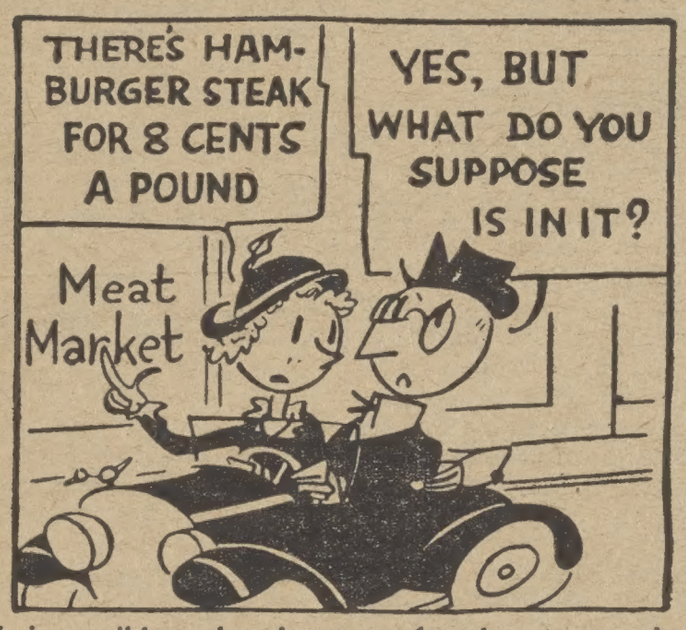

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